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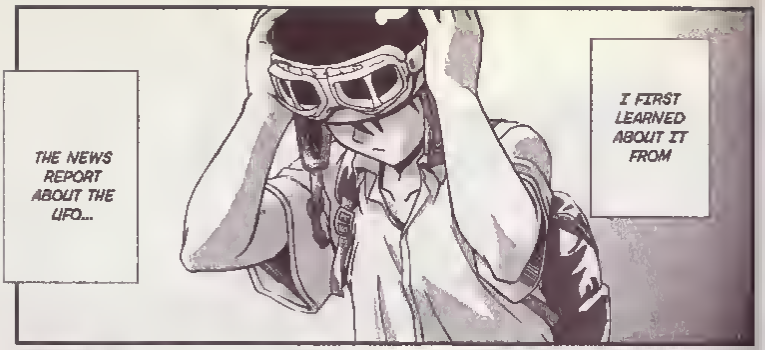

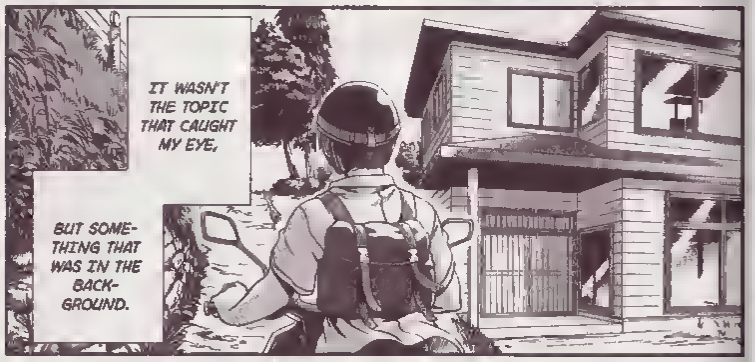

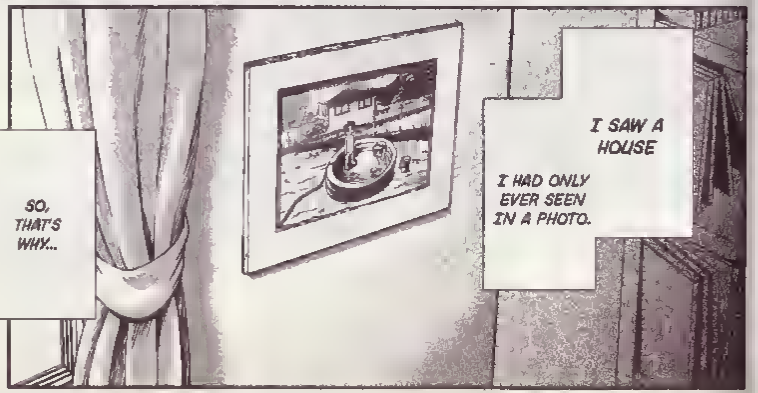

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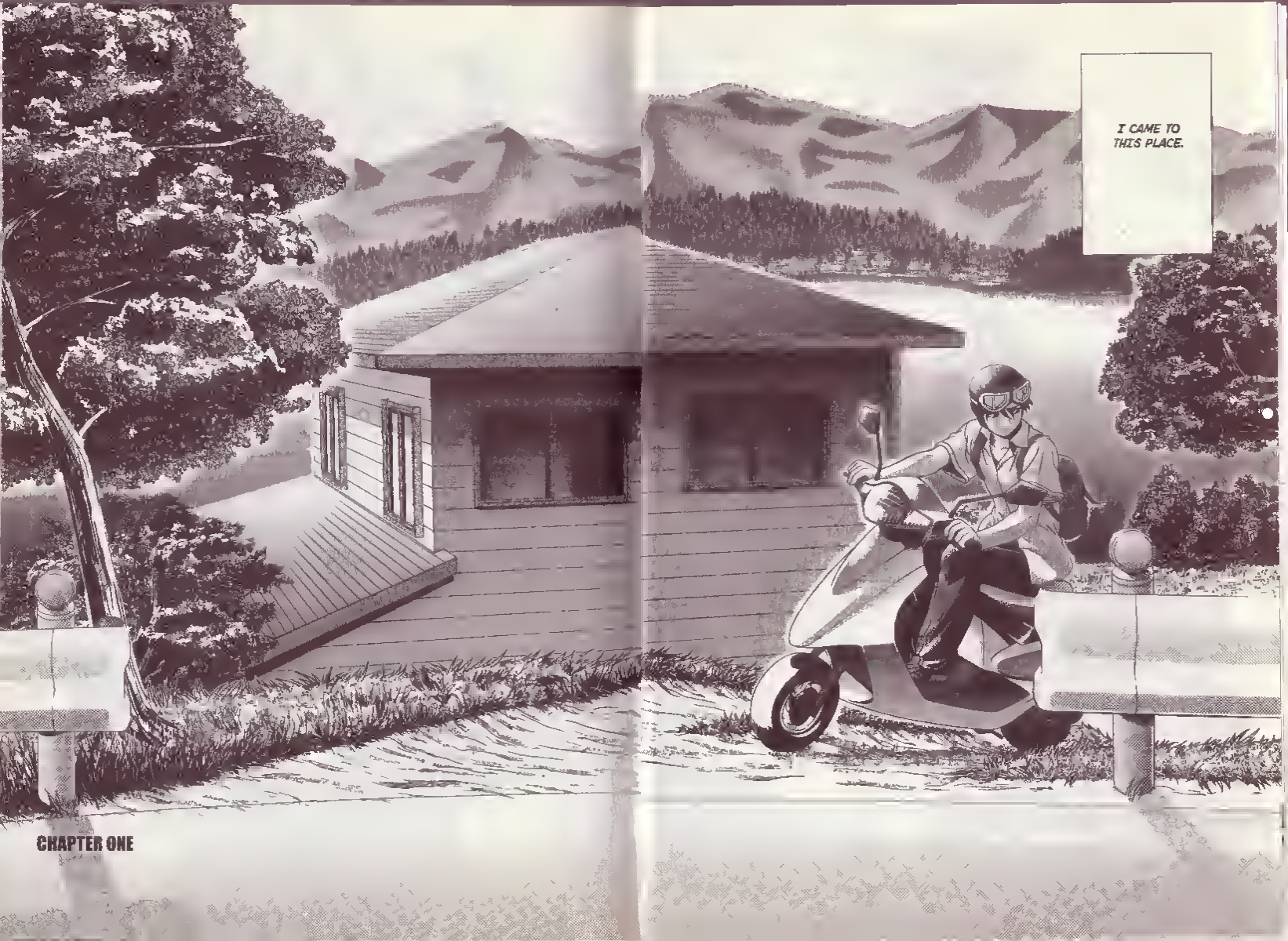
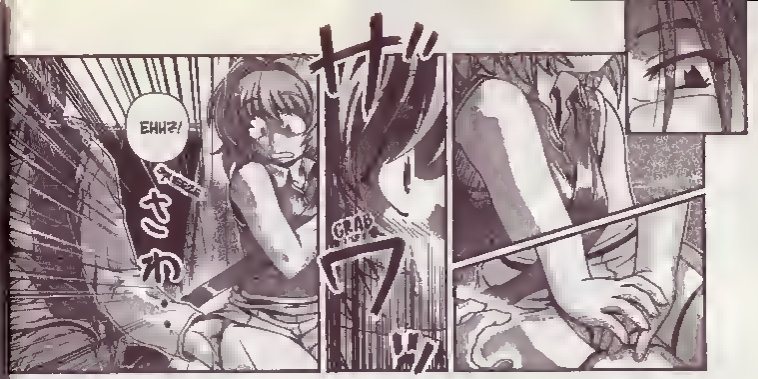


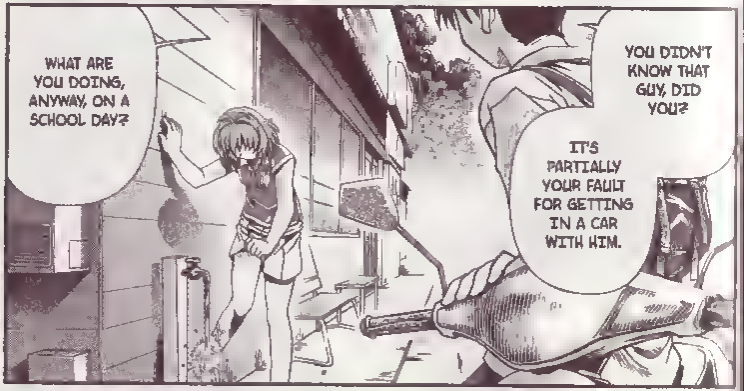
CHAPTER ONE

...EYES...
どきっ
THUMP
チラ
GLANCE
SQUEE!!
?
VROOOM
...ARE WE ALMOST THERE?
I SEE....
GOT A WAYS TO GO YET.

PLEASE BE CARE FUL WHEN STEPPING OFF THE TRAIN
NEXT STOP, INAO.
VROOOM
...THE SAME COLOR..

SHAAA
IT'S TERRIBLE WHAT HE DID, BUT I CAN'T SYMPATHIZE...
SEIKAIN-OKUCHI...? IT'S JUST OVER THERE.
HE LIED TO YOU

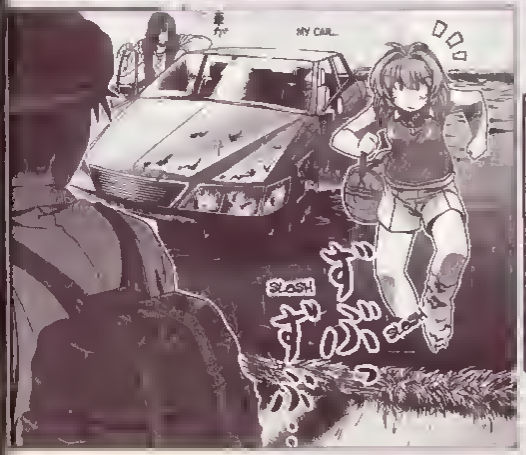

EHH?!
GRAB
サッ


WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ANYWAY, ON A SCHOOL DAY?
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT GUY, DID YOU?
IT'S PARTIALLY YOUR FAULT FOR GETTING IN A CAR WITH HIM.

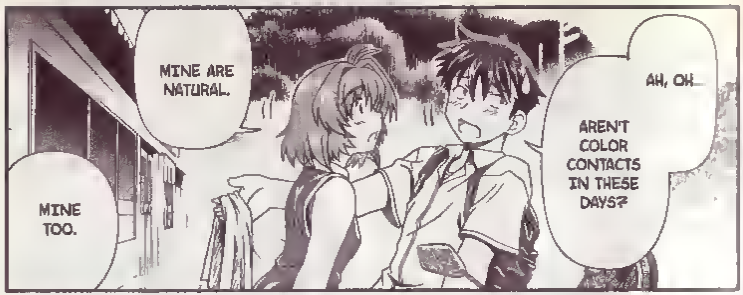
MY CAR!
I'M BEING MOLESTED!
NOO!
HEY! WHATCHA DOIN'?
YOU PERVERT!
HEY, DON'T MOVE
AIIIEEEEEEEEEEEEE

NO...
キュッ..
TURN
THEN...

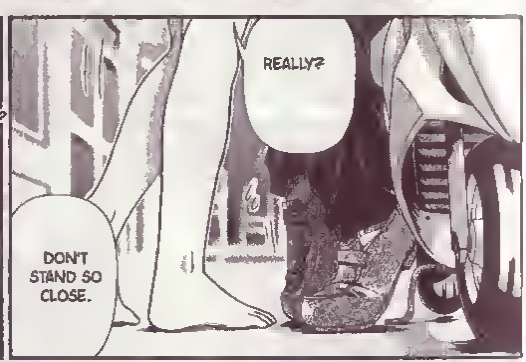
TRYING TO FIND YOURSELF BY HITCH-HIKING?


MY CAR...
SLASH
すぱっ
SLASH

SCREECH!

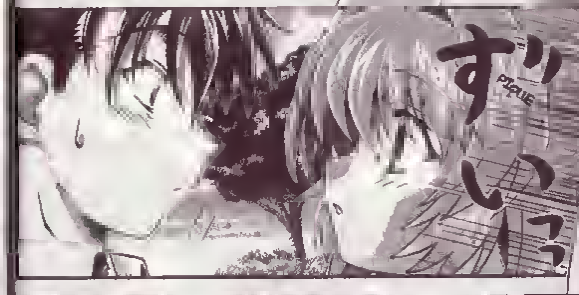

MINE ARE NATURAL.
MINE TOO.
AH, OH...
AREN'T COLOR CONTACTS IN THESE DAYS?

DING
コーン
カーン
DING

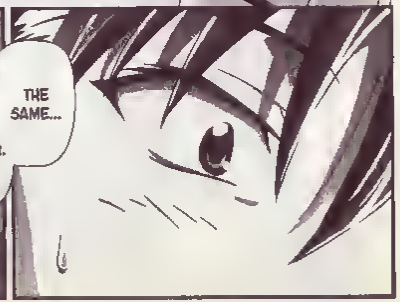

REALLY?
DON'T STAND SO CLOSE.

SEE YA!!
VROOOOM
IS THERE A SCHOOL AROUND HERE?
oh that was a school bell

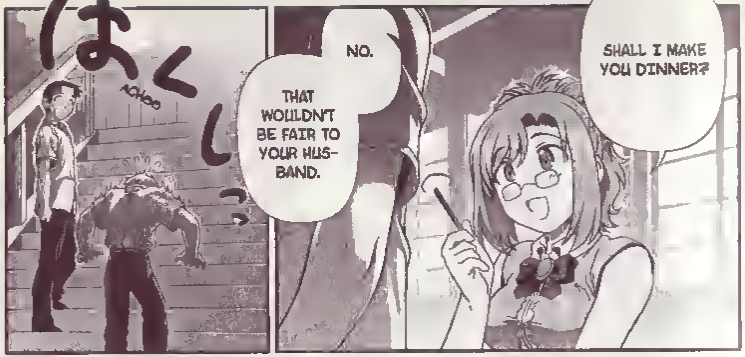
OH
...
SORRY
...

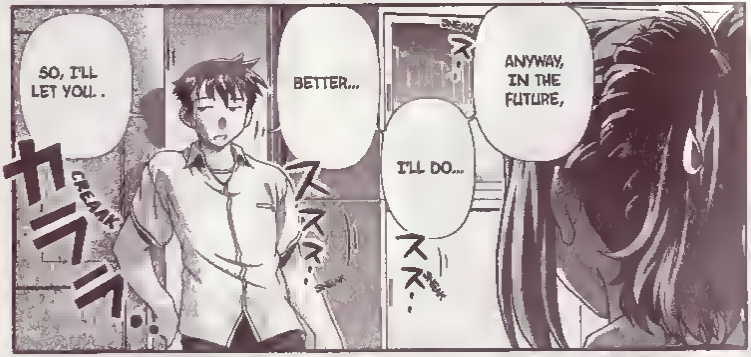

ぎゅっ

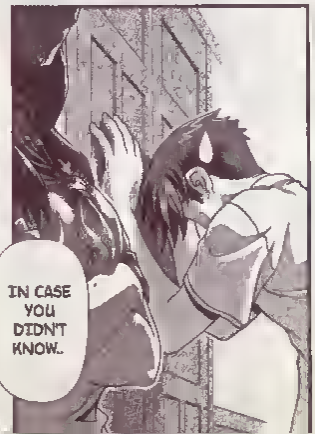
EYE COLOR.

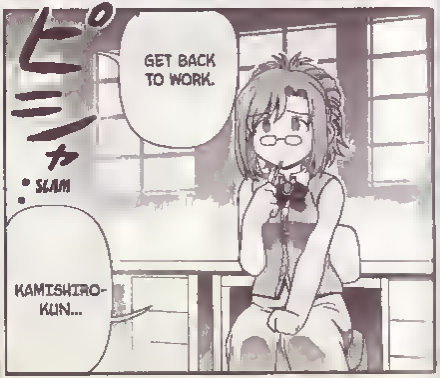

THE SAME...

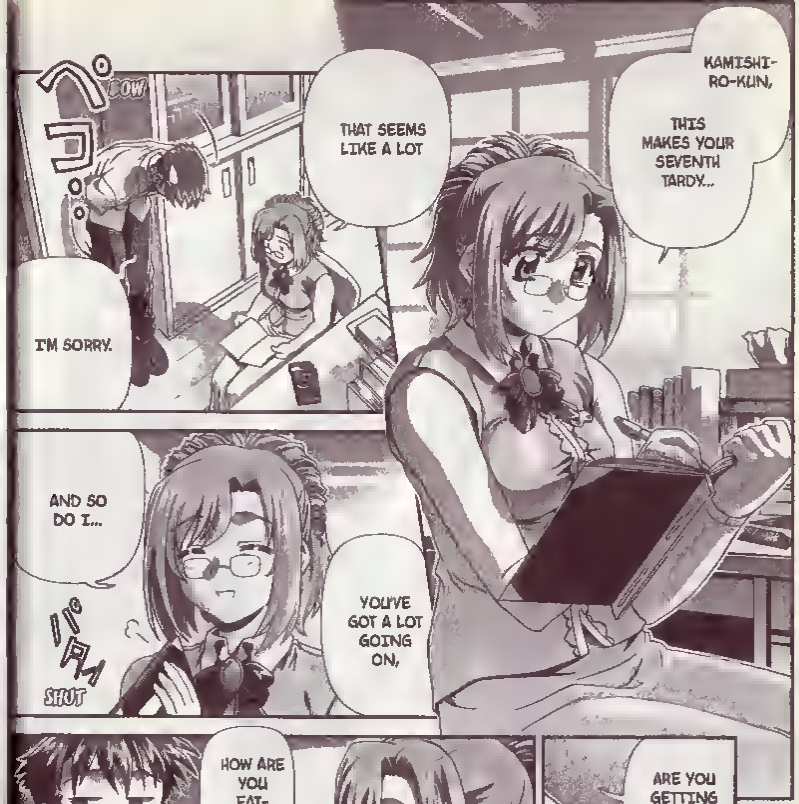
IT'S MUCH MORE IMPORTANT.

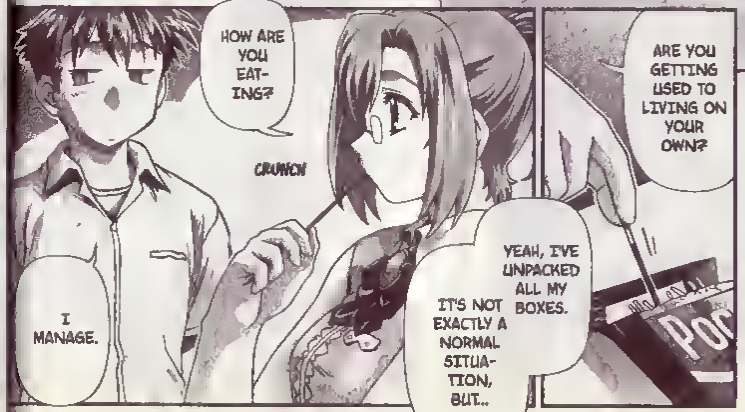

はくしっ
AChoo
NO.
THAT WOULDN'T BE FAIR TO YOUR HUSBAND.
SHALL I MAKE YOU DINNER?

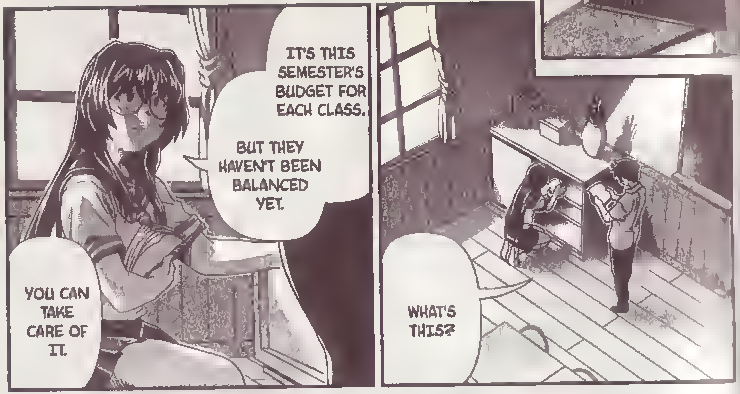

SO, I'LL LET YOU. .
カラ
CREAK
BETTER...
スス・
SNEAK
ANYWAY, IN THE FUTURE,
I'LL DO...
スス・

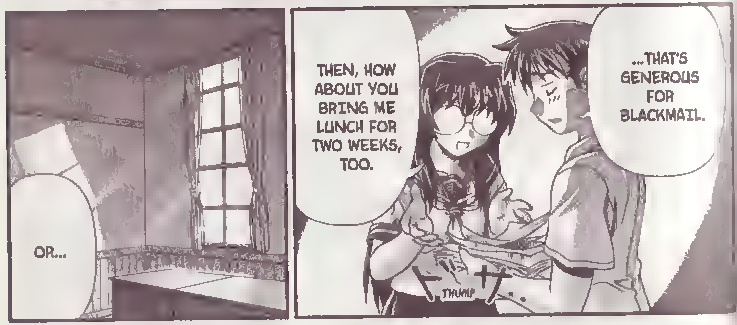

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW..

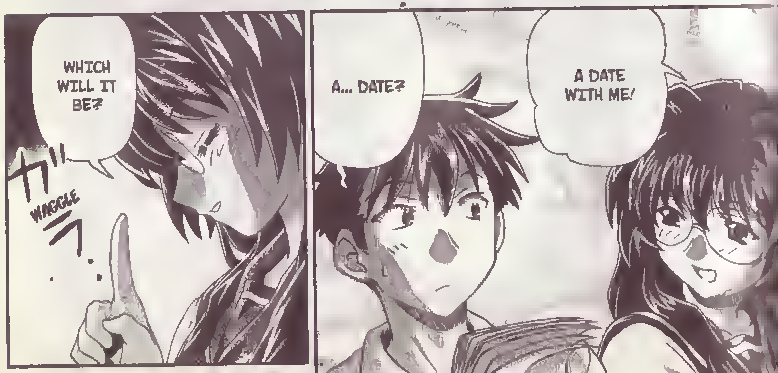

ピシャ
SLAM
GET BACK TO WORK.
KAMISHIRO-KUN...

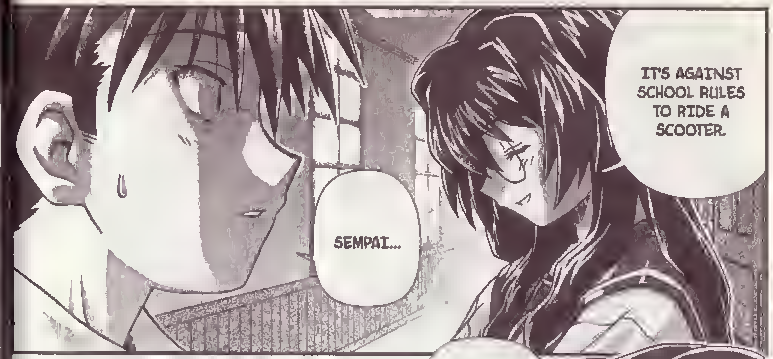

ぺコ
COW
KAMISHIRO-KUN,
THIS MAKES YOUR SEVENTH TARDY...
THAT SEEMS LIKE A LOT
I'M SORRY.
AND SO DO I...
パタ
SHUT
YOU'VE GOT A LOT GOING ON,

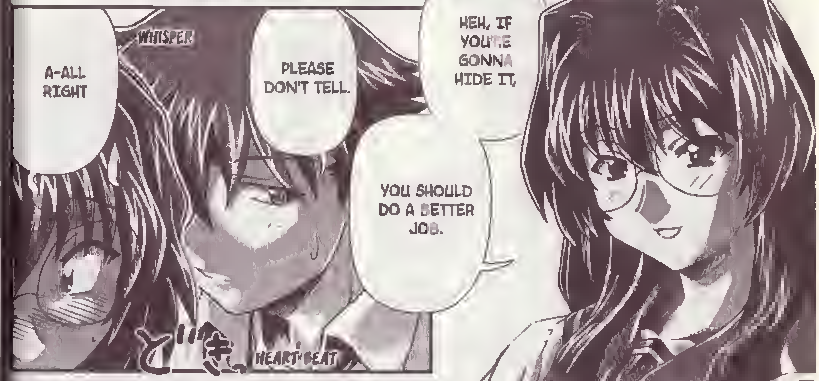

HOW ARE YOU EATING?
CRUNCH
ARE YOU GETTING USED TO LIVING ON YOUR OWN?
I MANAGE.
IT'S NOT EXACTLY A NORMAL SITUATION, BUT..
YEAH, I'VE UNPACKED ALL MY BOXES.

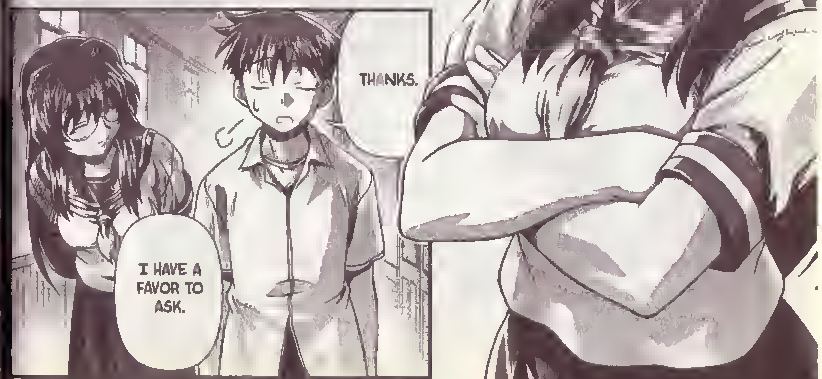

IT'S THIS SEMESTER'S BUDGET FOR EACH CLASS.
BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN BALANCED YET.
YOU CAN TAKE CARE OF IT.
WHAT'S THIS?

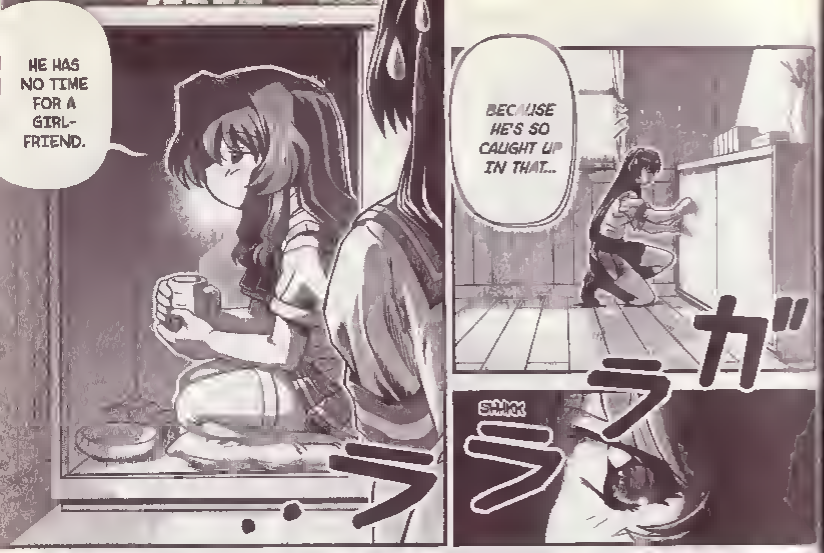

OR...
THEN, HOW ABOUT YOU BRING ME LUNCH FOR TWO WEEKS, TOO.
...THAT'S GENEROUS FOR BLACKMAIL.
THUMP


WHICH WILL IT BE?
WAGGLE
A... DATE?
A DATE WITH ME!


IT'S AGAINST SCHOOL RULES TO RIDE A SCOOTER.
SEMPAI...

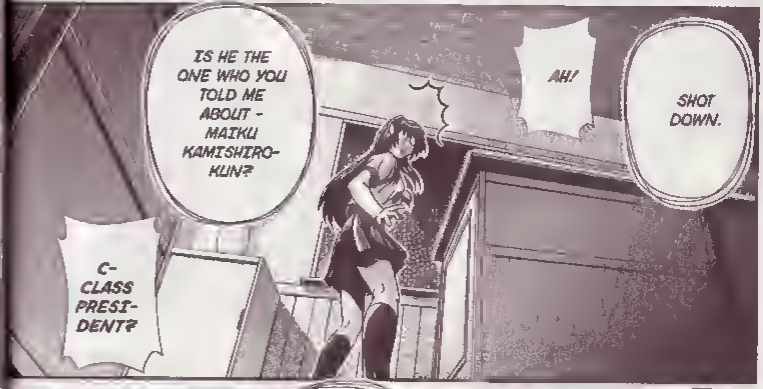

A-ALL RIGHT
WHISPER
PLEASE DON'T TELL.
HEH, IF YOU'RE GONNA HIDE IT,
YOU SHOULD DO A BETTER JOB.
HEART BEAT

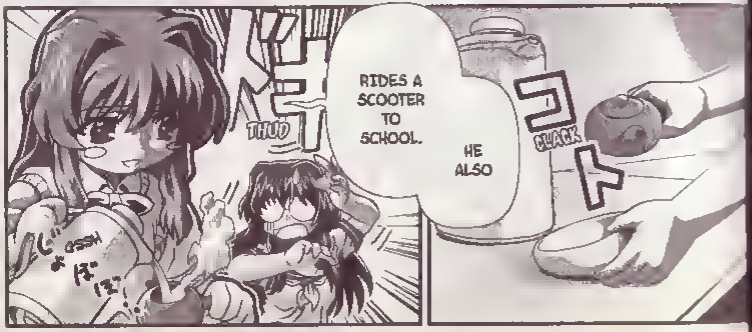

THANKS.
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.

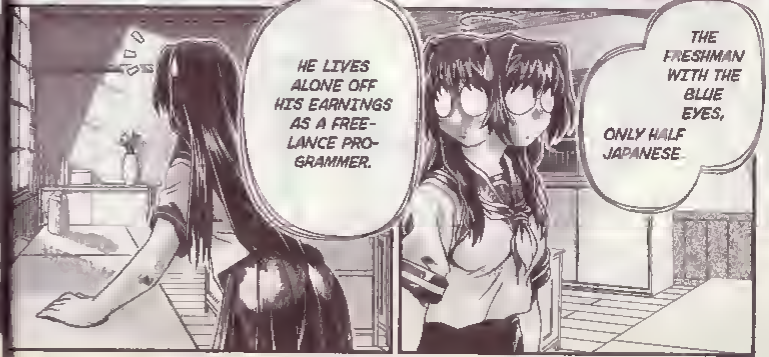

HE HAS NO TIME FOR A GIRL-FRIEND.
BECAUSE HE'S SO CAUGHT UP IN THAT...
ラ ラ ラ ガ
SHAKK

SIGH..
..
I'LL TAKE THE LUNCH.
CLICK

HEY--
HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH?
HE DOESN'T HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND!
STEP
STEP

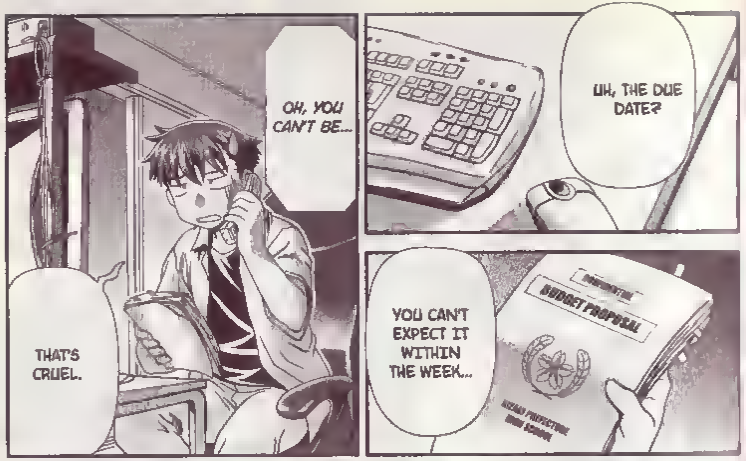

IS HE THE ONE WHO YOU TOLD ME ABOUT - MAIKU KAMISHIRO-KUN?
C-CLASS PRESI-DENT?
AH!
SHOT DOWN.

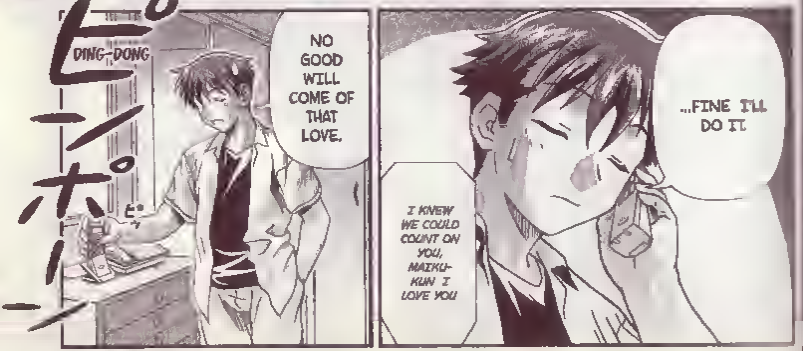

RIDES A SCOOTER TO SCHOOL.
HE ALSO
THUD
CLACK

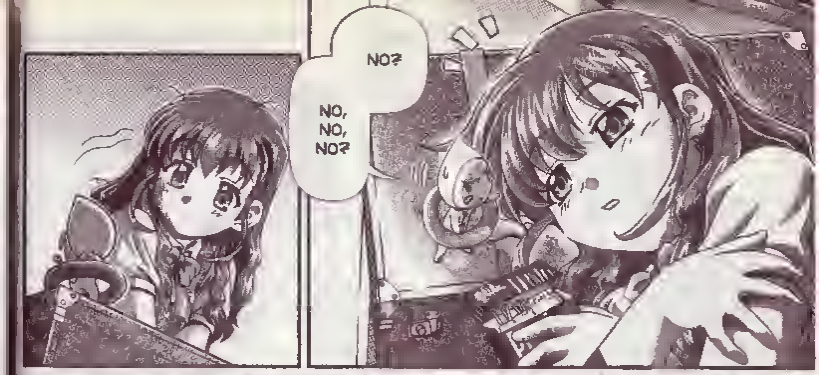

HE LIVES ALONE OFF HIS EARNINGS AS A FREE-LANCE PRO-GRAMMER.
THE FRESHMAN WITH THE BLUE EYES, ONLY HALF JAPANESE.

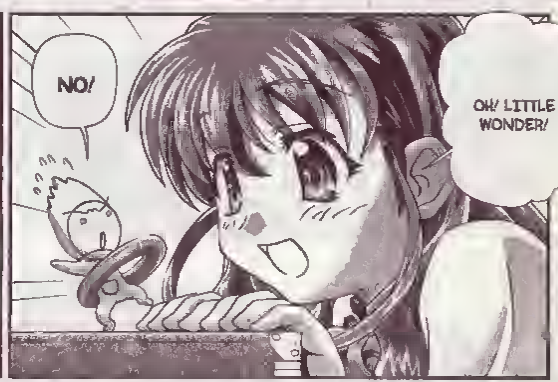
QUIT LAUGHING LIKE YOU KNOW SOMETHING!
SLAM
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
CREAAAAK
HEH HEH HEH!

BLUSH
LOVE ..?
DON'T TELL ANYONE!
COULD IT BE...
CRINKLE
CRINKLE
SO, THAT'S WHY I...
CREAK
SO I THOUGHT HE'D BE A BIG HELP IF HE JOINED THE STUDENT COUNCIL.
BUT HE'S REALLY TALENTED,
O-OF COURSE NOT!

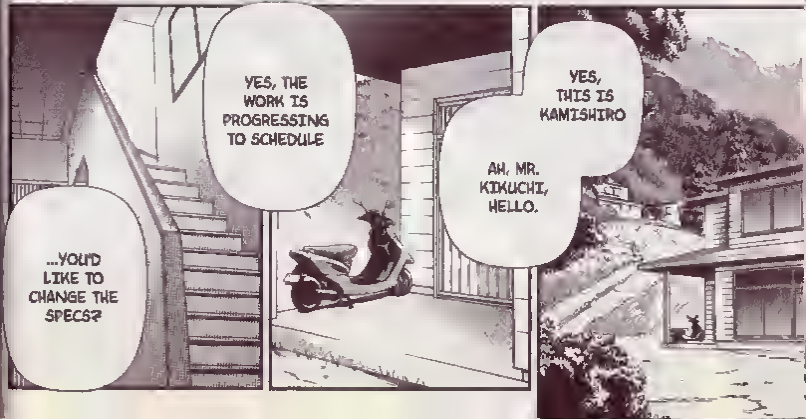


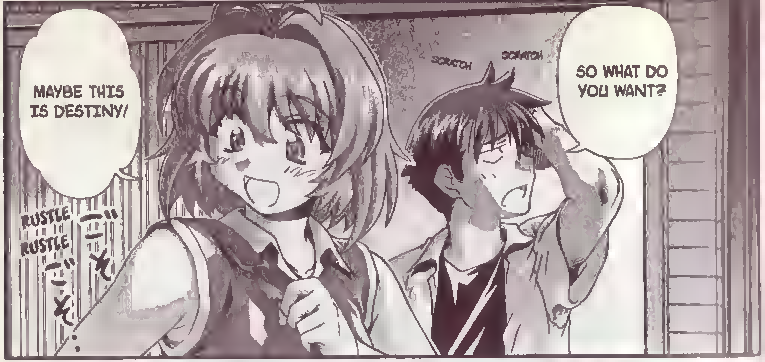


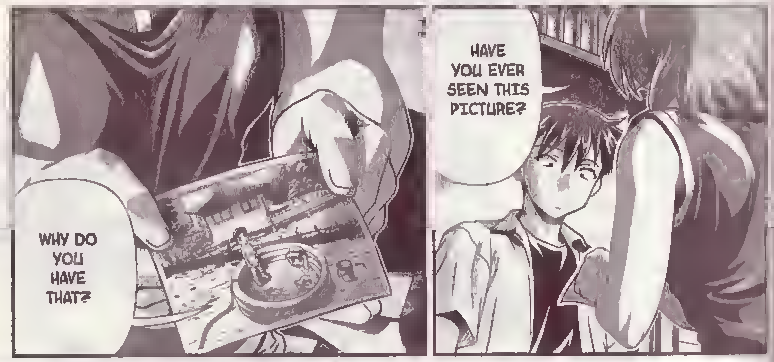




*PRECH: SIMILAR TO POCKY, A BISCUIT STICK COVERED WITH CHOCOLATE, POPULAR IN JAPAN

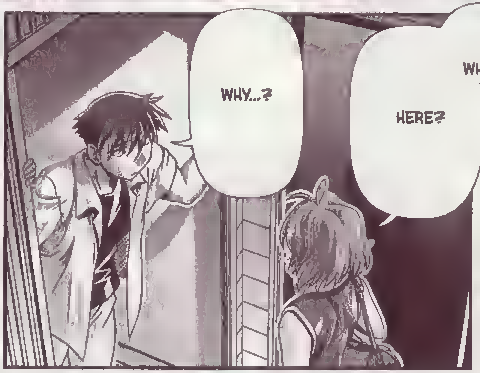



MAYBE THIS IS DESTINY/
SCRATCH
SCRATCH
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT?
RUSTLE RUSTLE

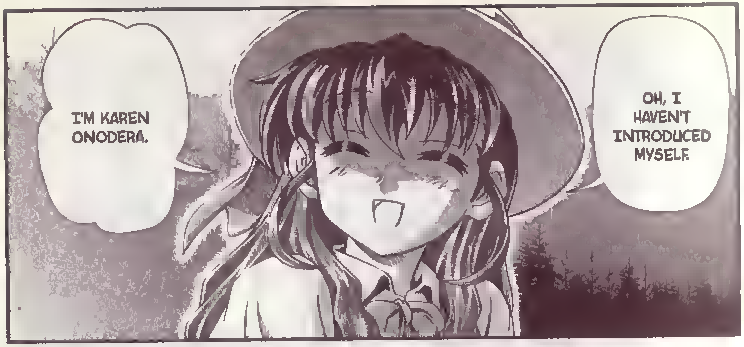

WHY DO YOU HAVE THAT?
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS PICTURE?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SO, YOU HAVE SEEN IT.

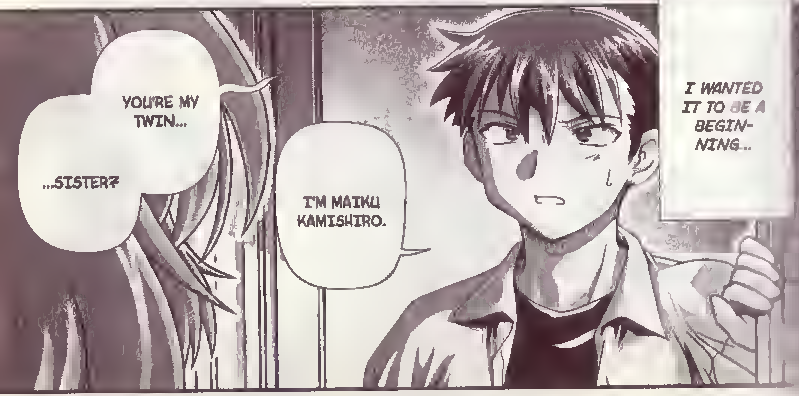
WUH? YOU'RE...
ガラ
CREAK
ピンポン
DING DONG
Don't keep ringing it...
NOW WHAT...?


WHY...?
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
OH/

WAY.
NO WAY/
THIS IS MY HOUSE.


I'M KAREN ONODERA.
OH, I HAVEN'T INTRODUCED MYSELF.

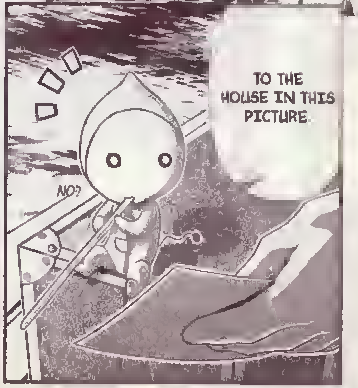
NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M MIINA MIYAFUJI.
I'M RELATED TO YOU.
WE'RE TWINS.


I WANTED IT TO BE A BEGIN-NING...
I'M MAIKU KAMISHIRO.
YOU'RE MY TWIN...
...SISTER?

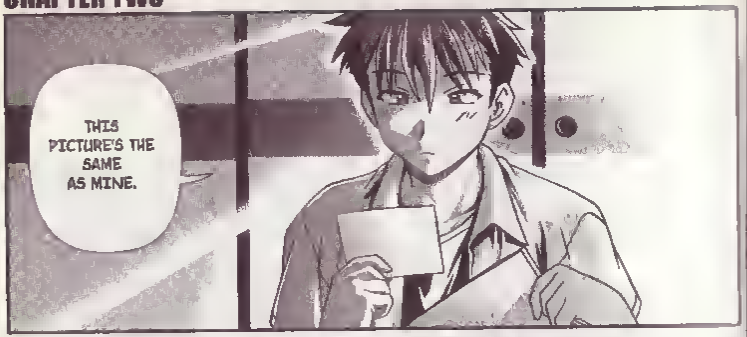
YOU DO EXIST!
I FOUND YOU!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT

I'M TRYING TO GET SOMEWHERE...

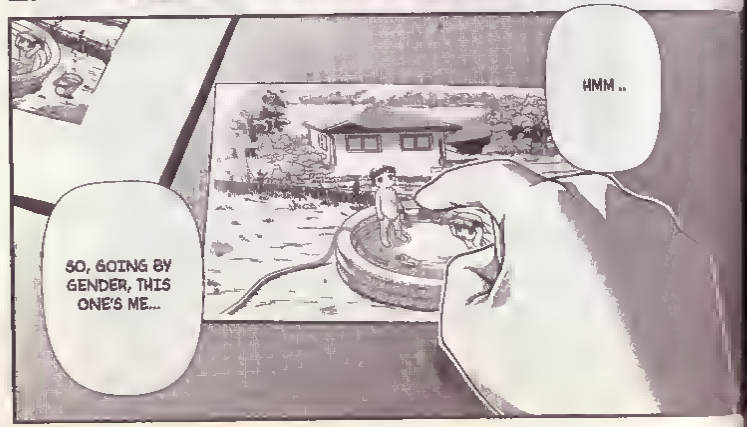
DO YOU KNOW WHERE IT IS?
NO
NO


TO THE HOUSE IN THIS PICTURE.
NO?

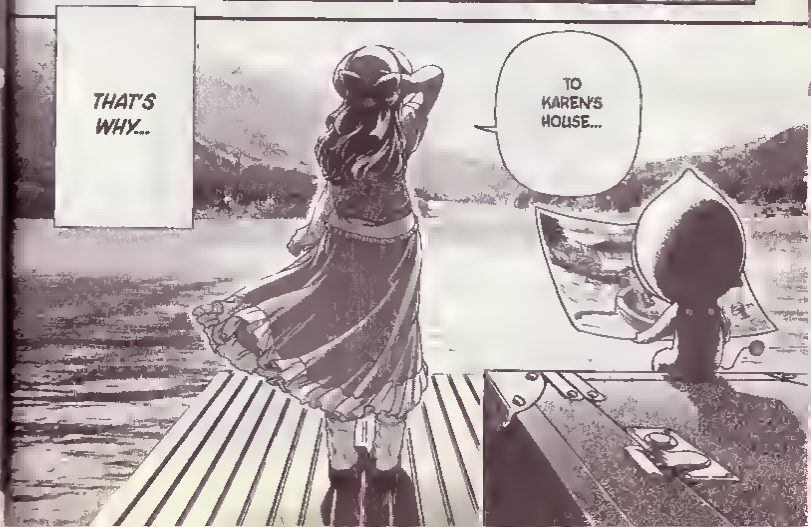
CHAPTER TWO

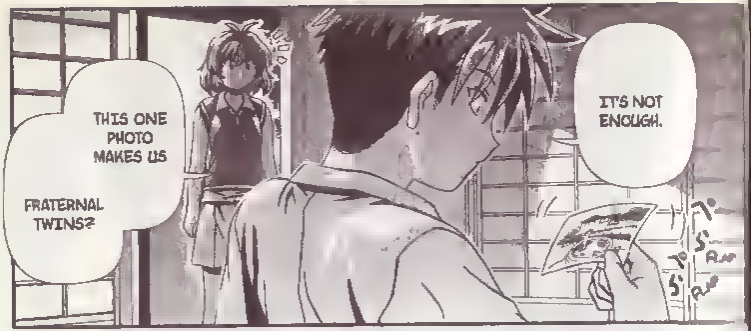

THIS PICTURE'S THE SAME AS MINE.

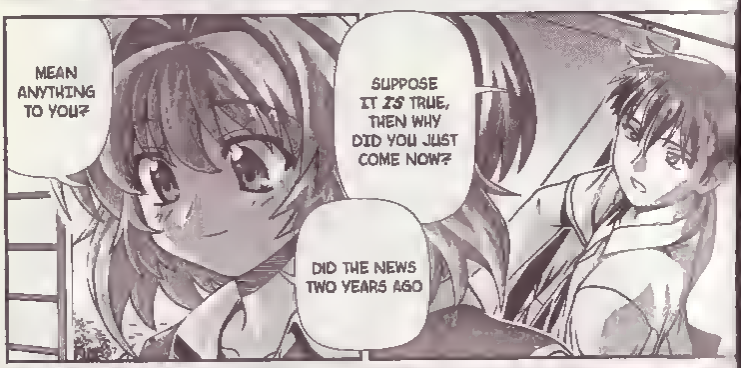
YEAH. IT'S THE ONLY THING I BROUGHT WITH ME.


HMM ..
SO, GOING BY GENDER, THIS ONE'S ME...

I WANTED TO FIND MY MEMORIES.
IF I GO THERE, I MIGHT MEET THEM.
YEP!
I WANTED TO CLING TO HER.


THAT'S WHY...
TO KAREN'S HOUSE...


THIS ONE PHOTO MAKES US FRATERNAL TWINS?
IT'S NOT ENOUGH.


MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU?
SUPPOSE IT *IS* TRUE, THEN WHY DID YOU JUST COME NOW?
DID THE NEWS TWO YEARS AGO

YES, THE HOUSE FROM MY CHILDHOOD, WHICH I HAD BEEN SEARCHING FOR, WAS ON THE TV
THE ONE ABOUT THE UFO?
TWIRL
TWIRL

YOU GOT IT?
AND THE OTHER ONE'S ME.

CHAPTER TWO

I GOT IT, BUT...
YEAH...

YOU MEAN THAT PERSON'S THE BOY IN THE PHOTO, NOT YOU?
I DON'T THINK SO.
IT WAS A VERY QUIET-LOOKING GIRL.
...SIGH
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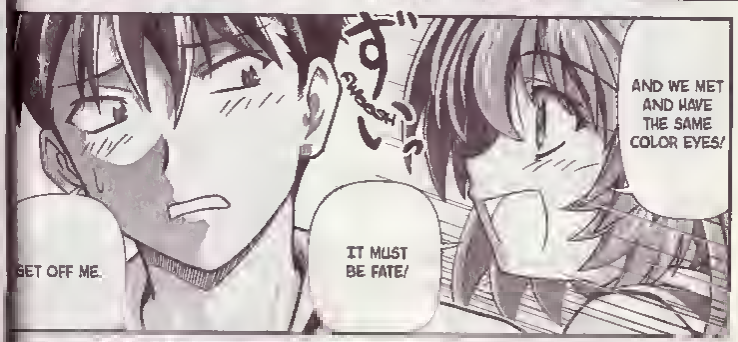
AND, TODAY, I FINALLY MADE IT HERE!
THEN, I WORKED TO SAVE MONEY FOR THE TRIP,
MY STORY'S THE SAME.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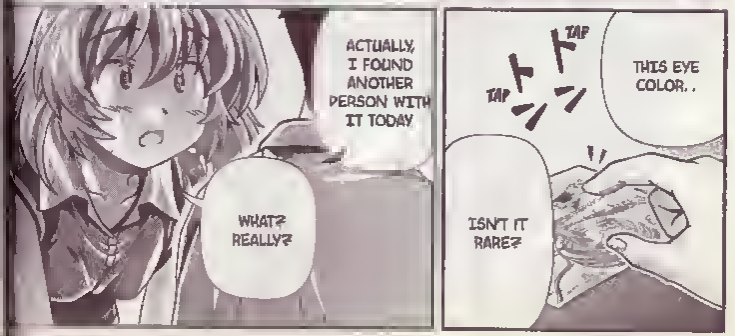
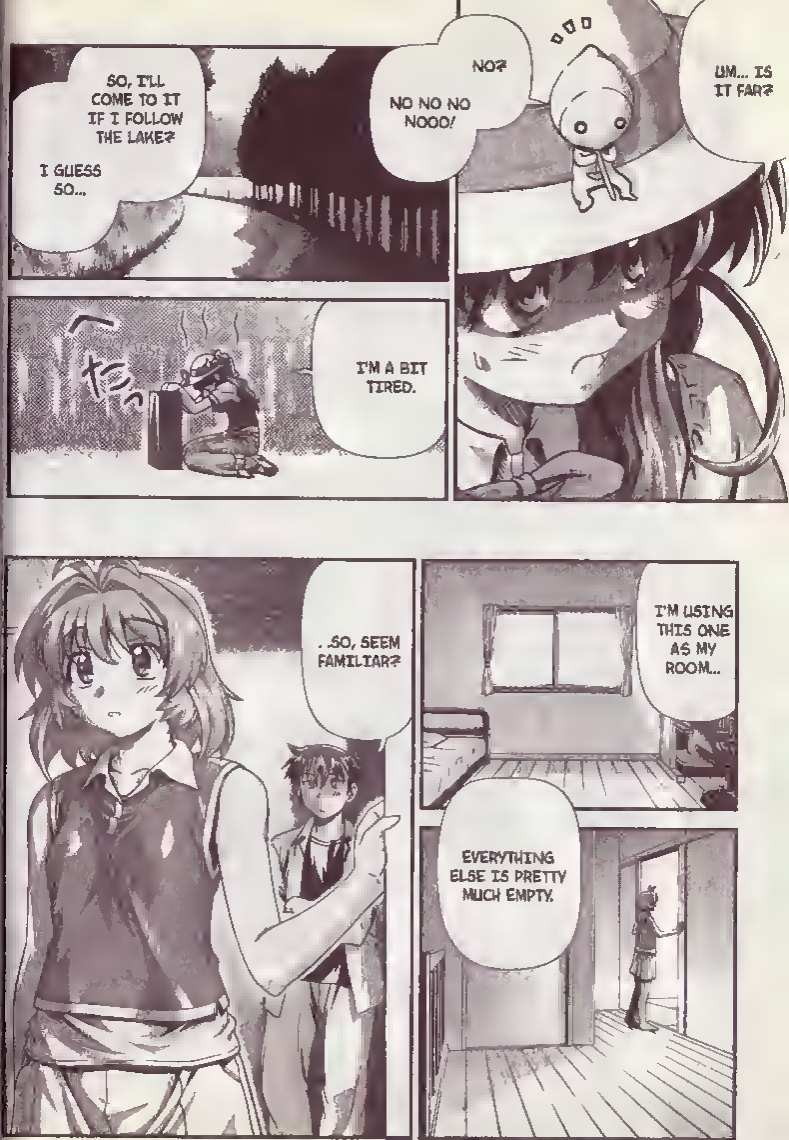
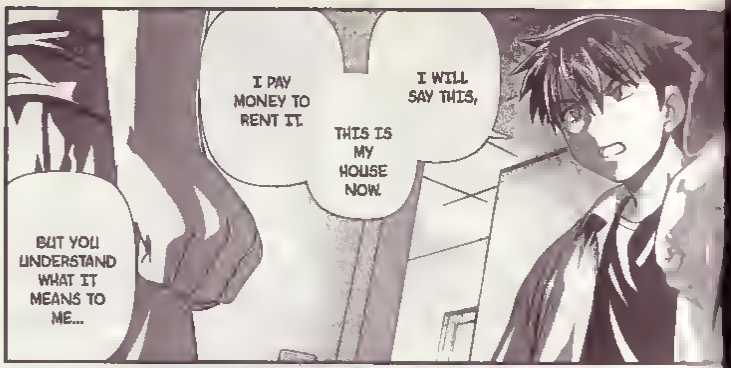
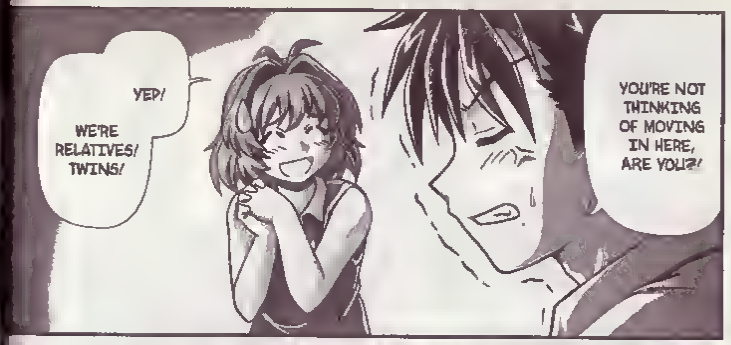
AND WE MET AND HAVE THE SAME COLOR EYES!
IT MUST BE FATE!
GET OFF ME.

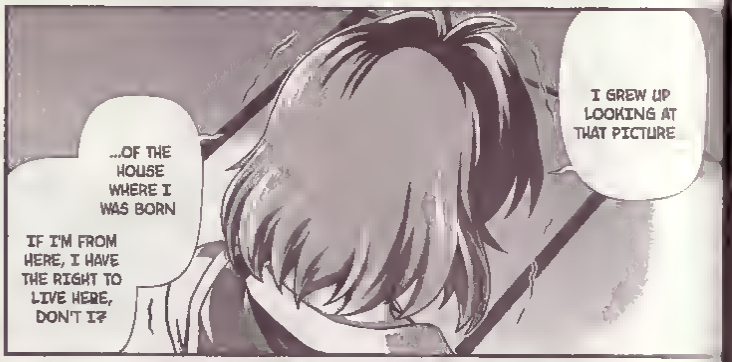

ACTUALLY, I FOUND ANOTHER PERSON WITH IT TODAY
WHAT? REALLY?
TAP
TAP
トン
THIS EYE COLOR. .
ISN'T IT RARE?

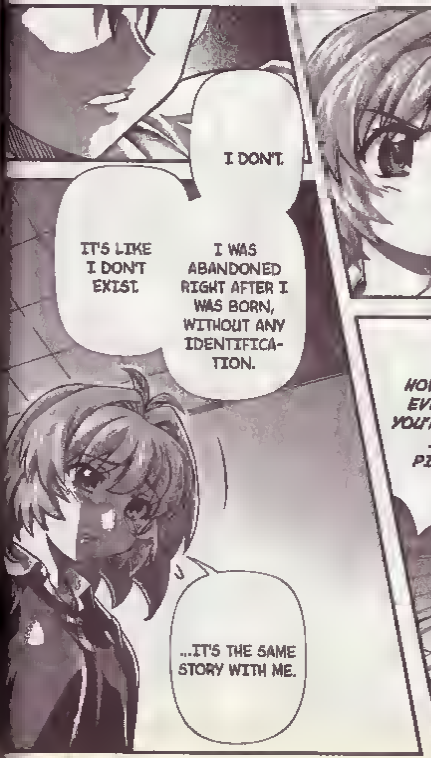
IT WAS A MESS INSIDE AND OUT WHEN I GOT HERE.
WELL, THAT KEPT THE PRICE LOW.
IT SURE IS CLEAN..
POKE POKE
IT'S PRETTY BIG. THIS MIGHT BE GREAT!
STOMP
STOMP
I'VE RENOVATED IT OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS.
THEN, I GUESS THAT'S WHY IT DOESN'T LEAVE AN IMPRESSION
IT'S EVERYTHING I OWN.
CHAP
CHAP
THAT'S A PRETTY BIG BAG.
POOP


SO, I'LL COME TO IT IF I FOLLOW THE LAKE?
I GUESS SO...
NO?
NO NO NO NOOO!
UM... IS IT FAR?
I'M A BIT TIRED.
. .SO, SEEM FAMILIAR?
I'M USING THIS ONE AS MY ROOM...
EVERYTHING ELSE IS PRETTY MUCH EMPTY.

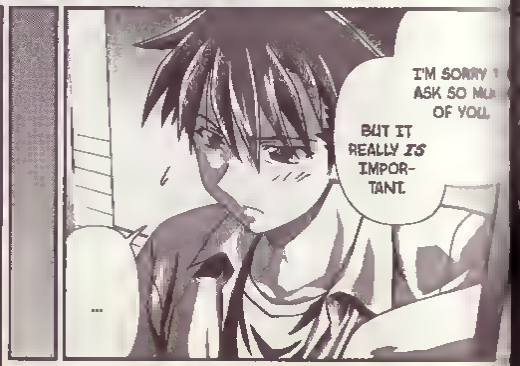

I PAY MONEY TO RENT IT.
I WILL SAY THIS,
THIS IS MY HOUSE NOW.
BUT YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IT MEANS TO ME...

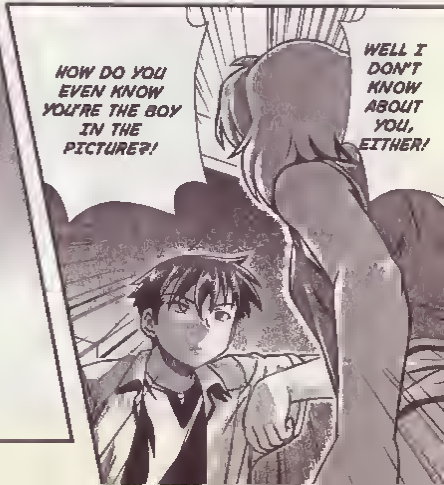

YEP!
WE'RE RELATIVES! TWINS!
YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF MOVING IN HERE, ARE YOU?!


I GREW UP LOOKING AT THAT PICTURE
...OF THE HOUSE WHERE I WAS BORN
IF I'M FROM HERE, I HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIVE HERE, DON'T I?


I DON'T.
IT'S LIKE I DON'T EXIST.
I WAS ABANDONED RIGHT AFTER I WAS BORN, WITHOUT ANY IDENTIFICATION.
...IT'S THE SAME STORY WITH ME.

WE DON'T KNOW FOR SURE THAT YOU'RE THE GIRL IN THE PHOTO!
HMPH


I'M SORRY TO ASK SO MUCH OF YOU.
BUT IT REALLY *IS* IMPORTANT.
...


HOW DO YOU EVEN KNOW YOU'RE THE BOY IN THE PICTURE?!
WELL I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, EITHER!

BUT ISN'T IT AMAZING, JUST THE SAME?
NATURALLY, A LOT HAPPENES AFTER BEING ABANDONED.
IT WAS THE SAME FOR ME.
WHAT'S AMAZING?
STEP
WHAT? ON A COMPUTER? OR SOMETHING MORE DANGEROUS, OR SEXY?
YOU'RE RENTING THIS HOUSE...
WHADDYA THINK?!
YEAH, BECAUSE I'VE GOT MY PROGRAMMING WORK.

TAK
IT WAS NICE TO HAVE A HOME COOKED MEAL AGAIN.
...YOU REALLY ARE GOOD AT COOKING.
WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING UNTIL NOW?
COME TO THINK OF IT,
I WAS IN AN ARRANGE...
MIGHT THAT BE THE DECIDING FACTOR?
HEH HEH, AND I DO LAUNDRY WELL.
SOME PEOPLE TOOK ME IN, BUT,
WELL, A LOT HAPPENED.
SHOOSH
DID YOU ALWAYS LIVE THERE?

WHAT?
UM..
SLIDE
ARE YOU GONNA LE ME STAY?
TURN
NEVER MIND!
TURN
IT'S NOT LIKE ME TO GET SO WORKED UP.
SHIT..
WHAT HAPPENED THERE?
SPLASH

CLICK
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'VE STUDIED HARD
TO LIVE ALONE LIKE THIS...
SQUEAK
BUT IF SHE'S REALLY MY TWIN SISTER...
THAT'S UNREALISTIC. I'M BARELY MAKING IT ON MY OWN.
LET HER LIVE WITH ME?
STEP
STEP
SQUEAK

ALIGH!
SLIP
INTRODUCE ME AS YOUR TWIN SISTER.
OH...
GRAB
わし
S-SORRY...
NO... I'M SORRY
じ!?
SILENCE

ピポ
PIPO
DING DONG
This shampoo isn't mine...
WANT ME TO WASH YOUR BACK?
NO, THANKS!

DON'T ANSWER IT!
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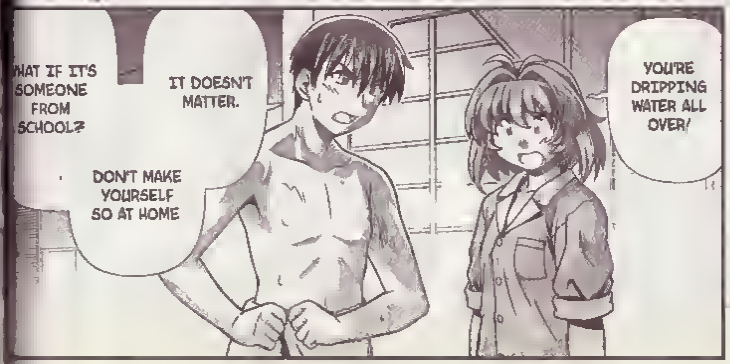
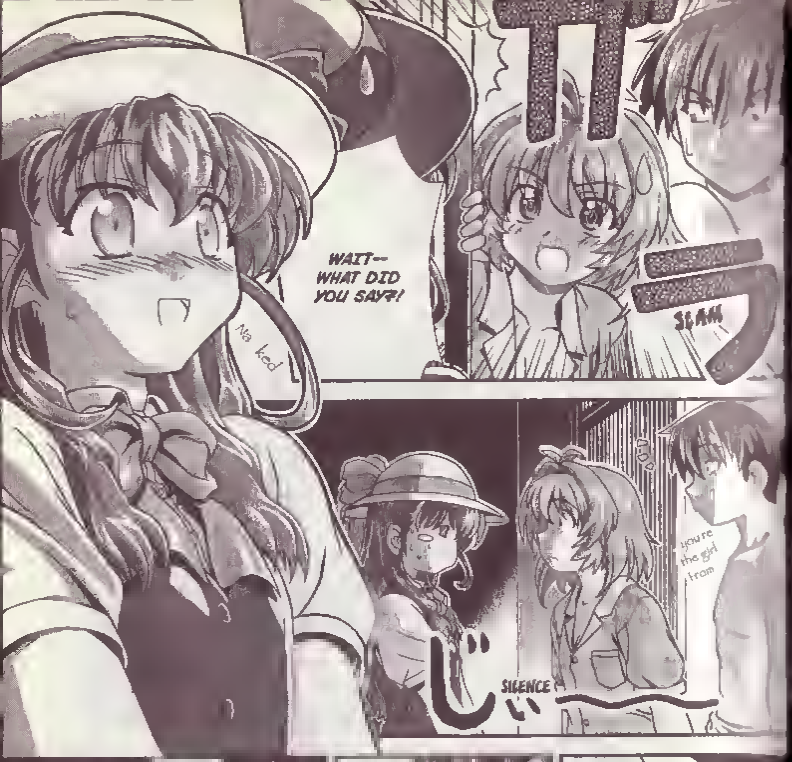
COMING!


WHAT IF IT'S SOMEONE FROM SCHOOL?
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
DON'T MAKE YOURSELF SO AT HOME
YOU'RE DRIPPING WATER ALL OVER!

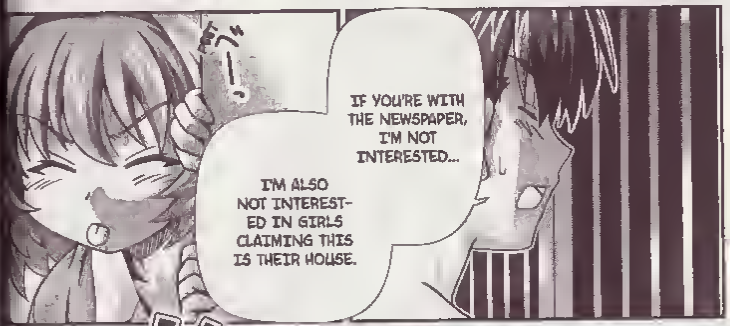

WAIT--
WHAT DID
YOU SAY?!
Na ked
SLAM
you're
the girl
from
SILENCE

mmmmm
Hmm

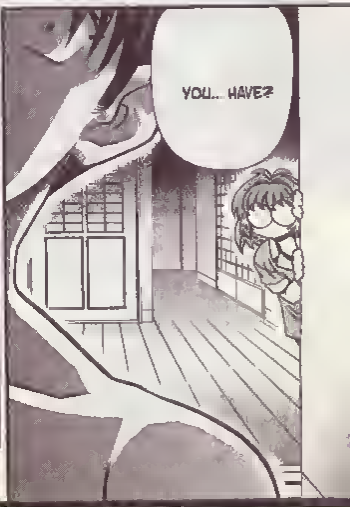
SQUEE?

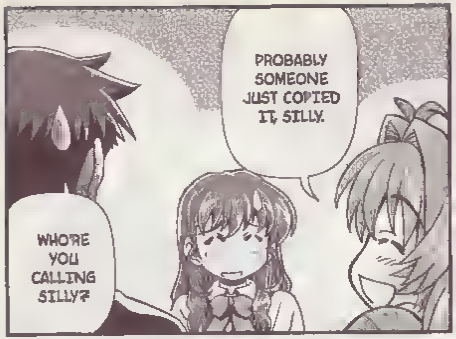
SQUEE..

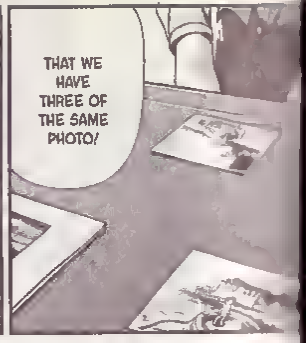
ANYWAY, I'LL
GET THIS!
YOU GO
WAIT
INSIDE

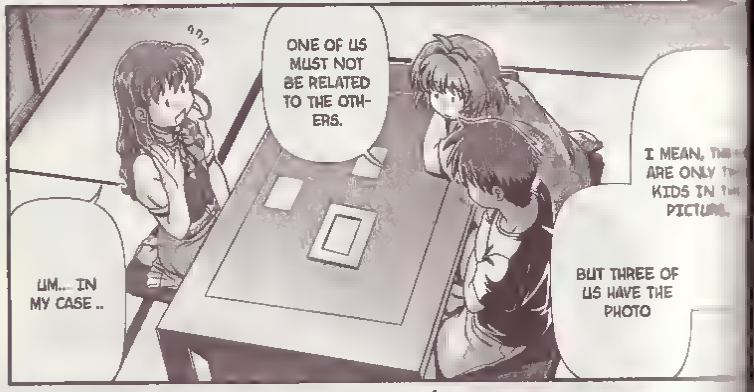

IF YOU'RE WITH
THE NEWSPAPER,
I'M NOT
INTERESTED...
I'M ALSO
NOT INTEREST-
ED IN GIRLS
CLAIMING THIS
IS THEIR HOUSE.

STOMP
STOMP
I... UM THINK
THIS MIGHT
BE MY HOUSE.

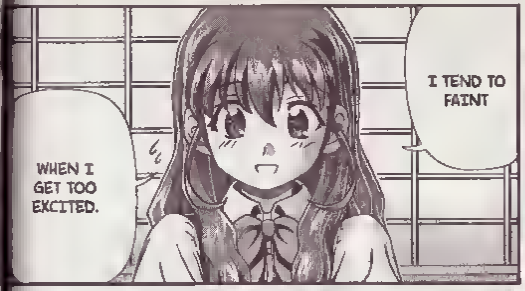

YOU... HAVE?

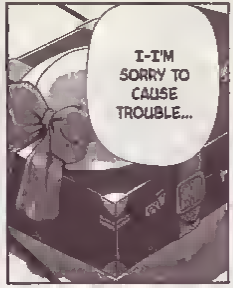

PROBABLY SOMEONE JUST COPIED IT, SILLY.
WHO'RE YOU CALLING SILLY?

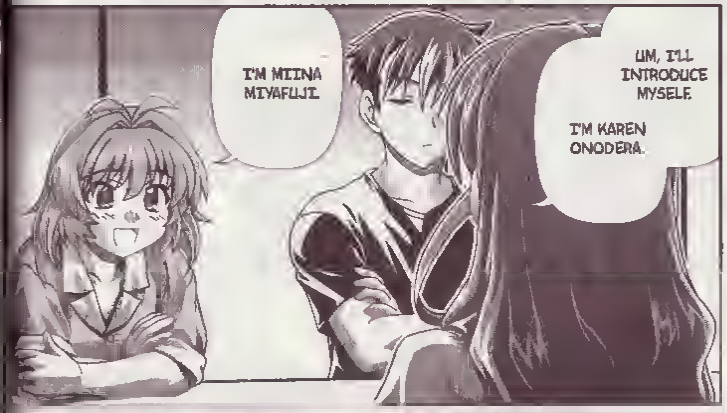

THAT WE HAVE THREE OF THE SAME PHOTO?

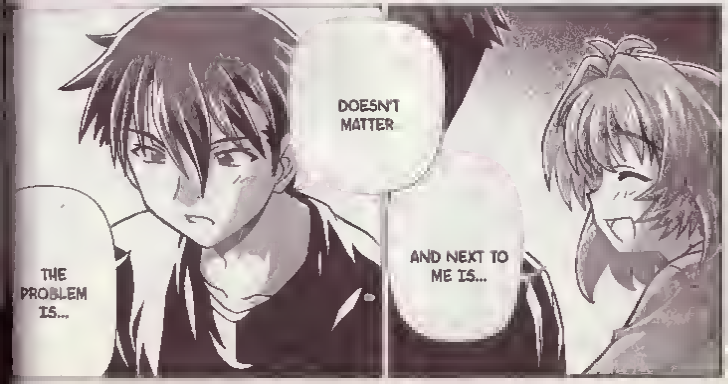

ONE OF US MUST NOT BE RELATED TO THE OTHERS.
UM... IN MY CASE ..
I MEAN, THE ARE ONLY TH KIDS IN THE PICTURE.
BUT THREE OF US HAVE THE PHOTO

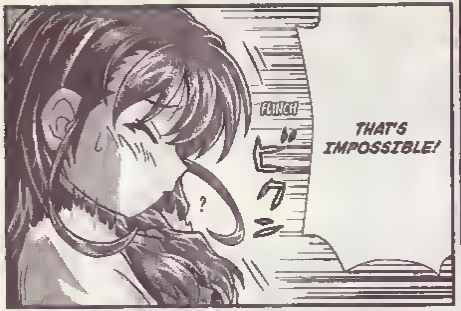
SHE LEFT THAT PICTURE WITH ME.
I HEARD FROM THE PEOPLE WHO RAISED ME...
SAME HERE!
WHEN MY MOM LEFT ME

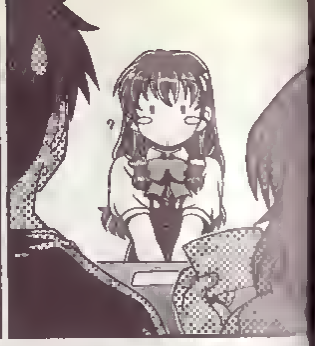

I TEND TO FAINT
WHEN I GET TOO EXCITED.

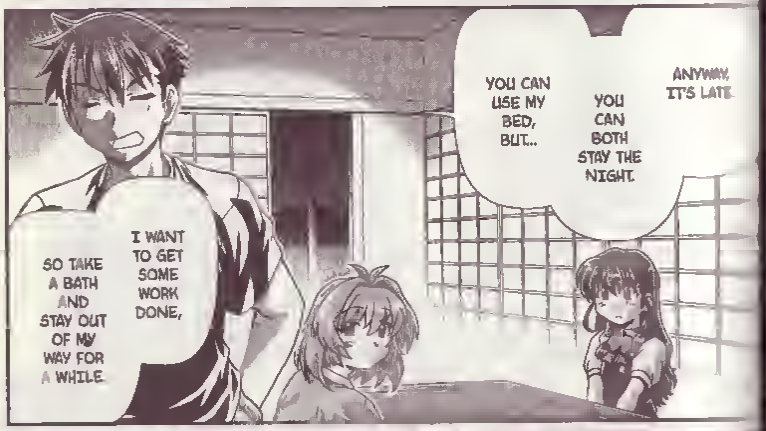

I-I'M SORRY TO CAUSE TROUBLE...


I'M MIINA MIYAFUJI.
UM, I'LL INTRODUCE MYSELF.
I'M KAREN ONODERA.

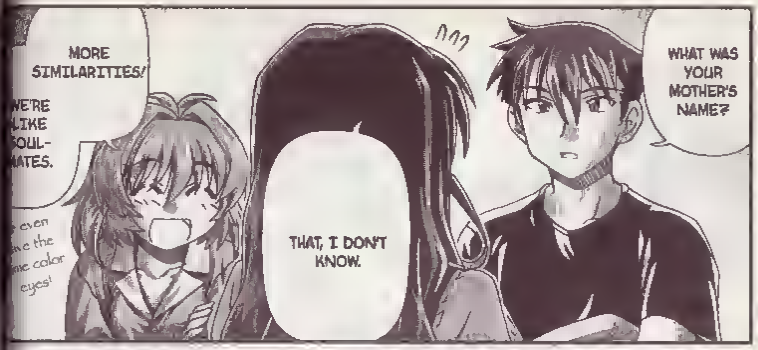

DOESN'T MATTER
THE PROBLEM IS...
AND NEXT TO ME IS...

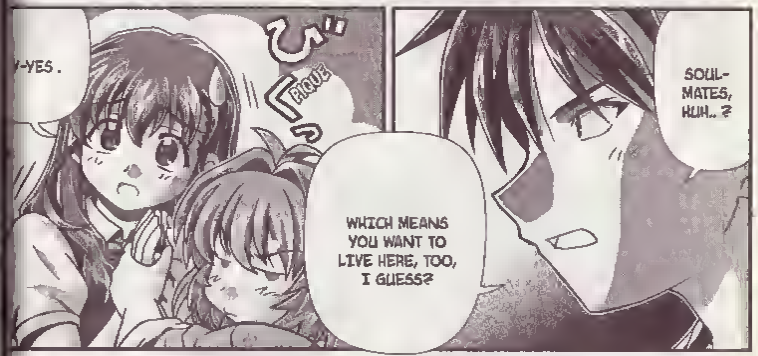

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

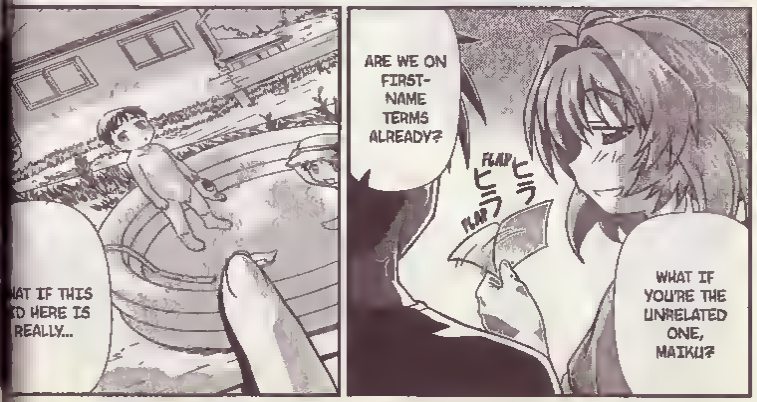


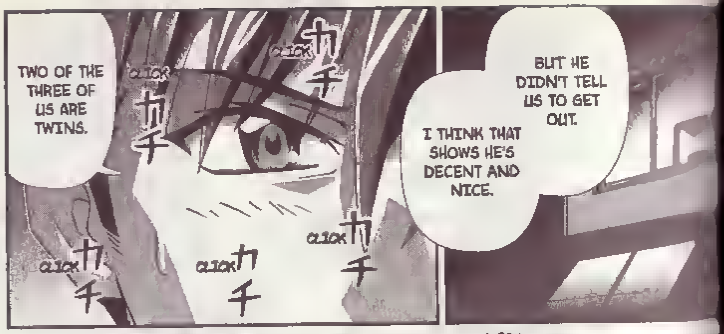

ANYWAY, IT'S LATE.
YOU CAN USE MY BED, BUT...
YOU CAN BOTH STAY THE NIGHT.
I WANT TO GET SOME WORK DONE,
SO TAKE A BATH AND STAY OUT OF MY WAY FOR A WHILE.

MAIKU...
MAIKU KAMI-SHIRO.
UM...
WOULD YOU TELL ME YOUR NAME?

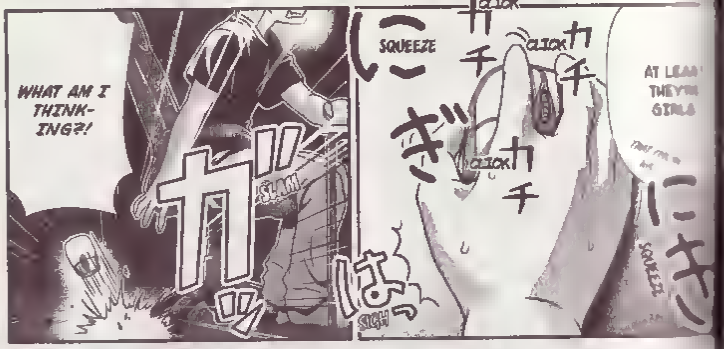

MORE SIMILARITIES!
WHAT WAS YOUR MOTHER'S NAME?
THAT, I DON'T KNOW.

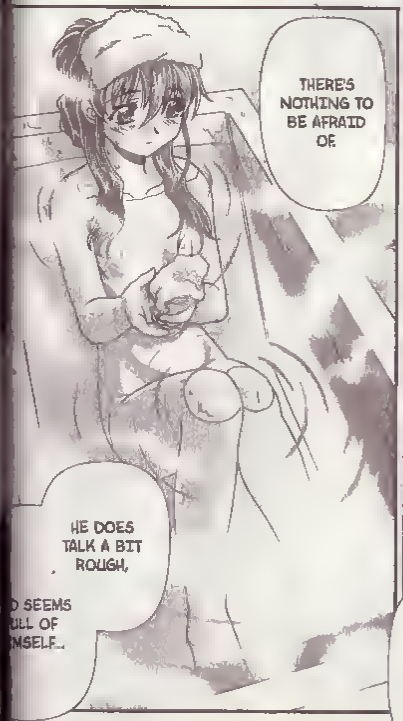

SOUL-MATES, HUH..?
WHICH MEANS YOU WANT TO LIVE HERE, TOO, I GUESS?

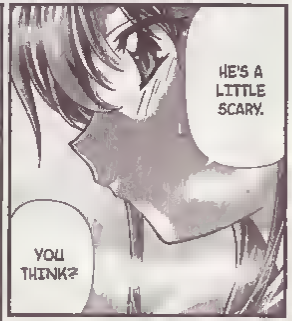

ARE WE ON FIRST-NAME TERMS ALREADY?
WHAT IF YOU'RE THE UNRELATED ONE, MAIKU?

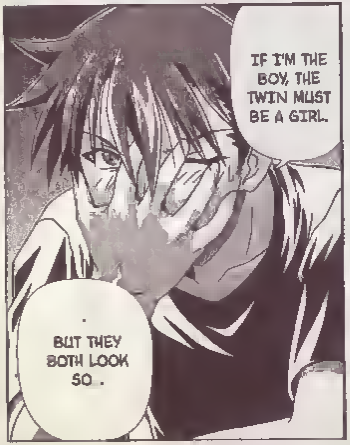

TWO OF THE THREE OF US ARE TWINS.
CLICK カチ
BUT HE DIDN'T TELL US TO GET OUT.
I THINK THAT SHOWS HE'S DECENT AND NICE.

NO PROBLEM SO WHAT'D YOU THINK
F MAIKU ISHIRO?
I USED YOUR SHAMPOO.
THANKS.


WHAT AM I THINK-ING?!
SLAM!
SQUEEZE
CLICK カチ
SIGH
AT LEAS THEY'R GIRLS
SQUEEZE


THERE'S NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF.
HE DOES TALK A BIT ROUGH,
SEEMS ULL OF IMSELF..


HE'S A LITTLE SCARY.
YOU THINK?

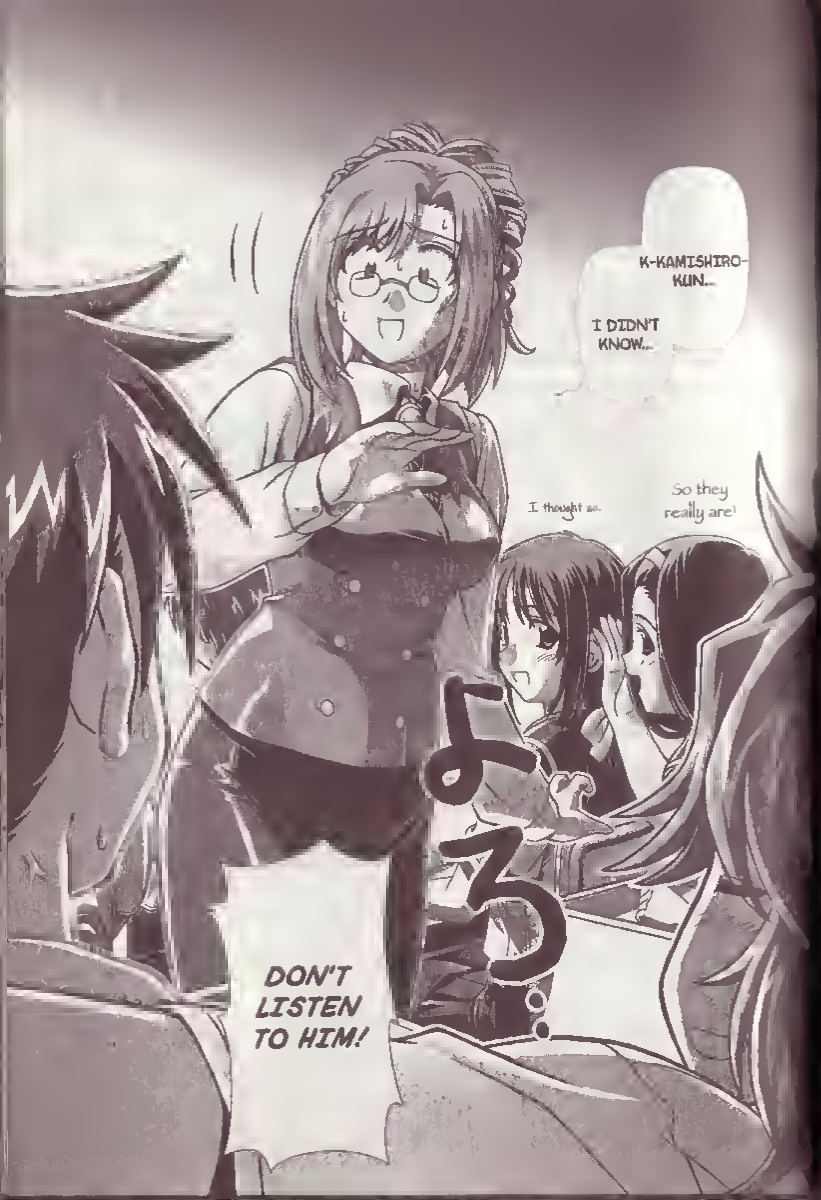

IF I'M THE BOY, THE TWIN MUST BE A GIRL.
BUT THEY BOTH LOOK SO .

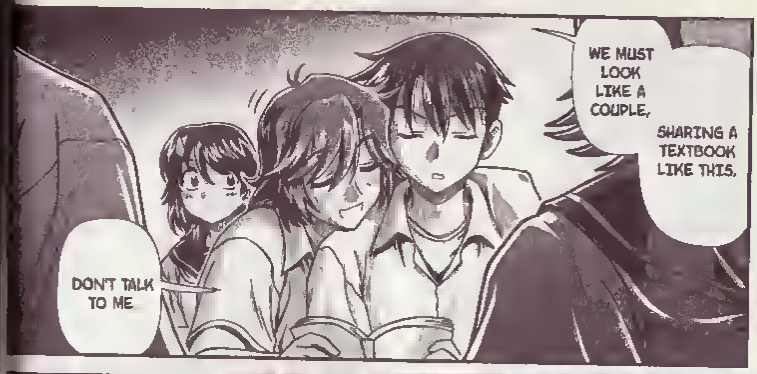
HUH?
AH!
SHIK
YOU SEEM TO HAVE MAIKU PRETTY WELL.

I WENT TO AN ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL, SO I'M NOT USED TO BOYS.
ALL-GIRLS SCHOOL? SHE REALLY IS A GIRL THEN..

CHAPTER 3
MAIKU-KUN
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE TO FORGET YOUR BAG ENTIRELY.
SHUT UP.
TROUBLES AT HOME?
DON'T ASK.

YUP. DEFINITELY A GIRL
SQUEE...
SQUEEEEE!
I CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE.


K-KAMISHIRO-KUN...
I DIDN'T KNOW...
I thought so.
So they really are!
よろ
DON'T LISTEN TO HIM!


WE MUST LOOK LIKE A COUPLE,
SHARING A TEXTBOOK LIKE THIS.
DON'T TALK TO ME.

BAM
ナ

BLOW
うぅ
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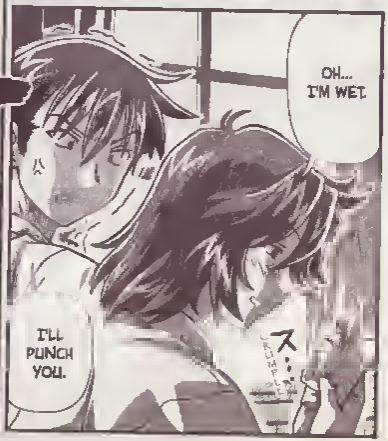
SHIVER


OH... I'M WET.
I'LL PUNCH YOU.
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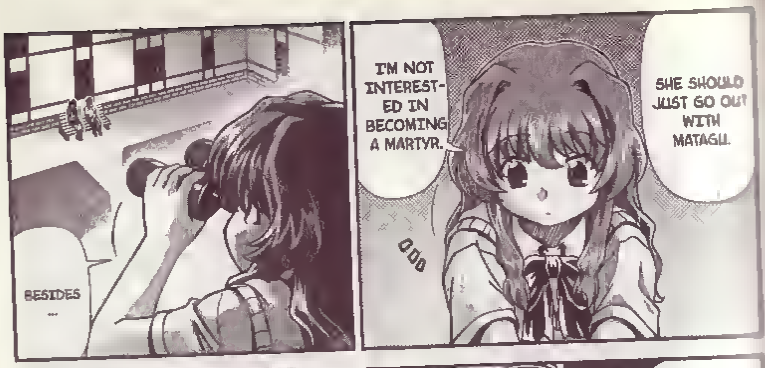
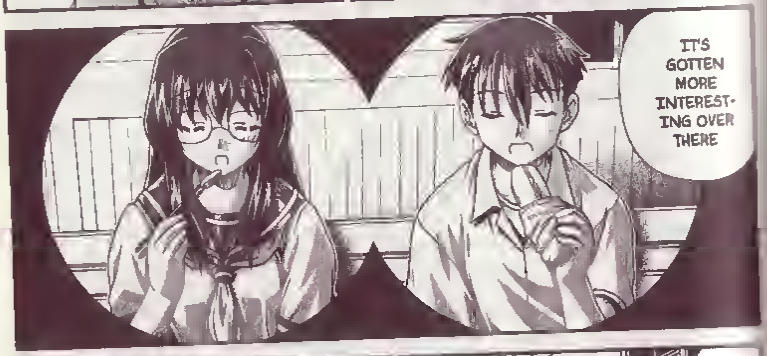
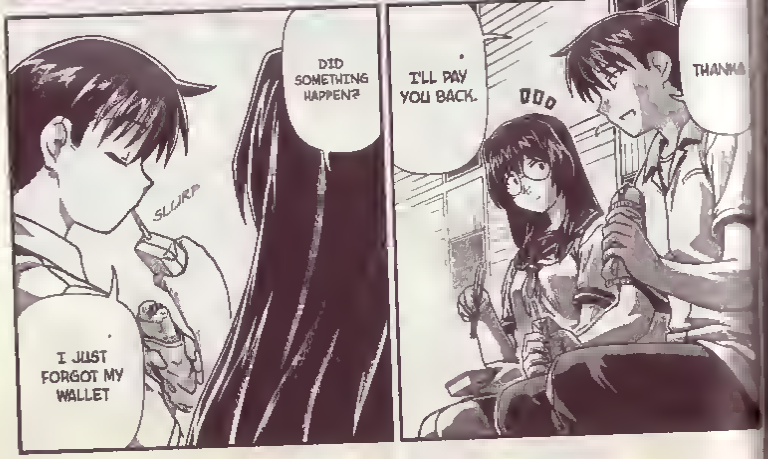
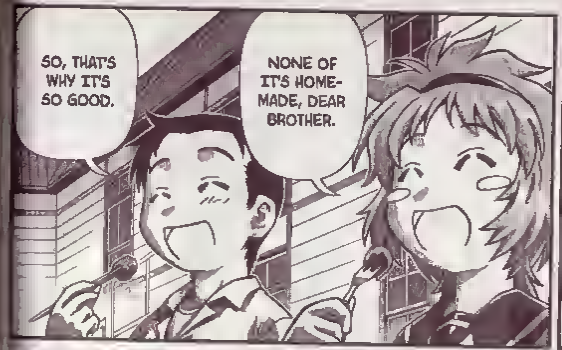
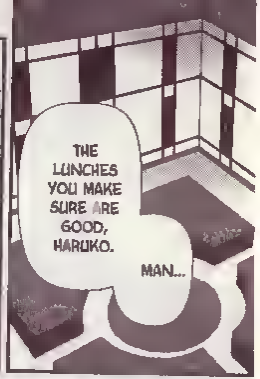
SQUISH


BESIDES ...
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MARTYR.
SHE SHOULD JUST GO OUT WITH MATAGU.

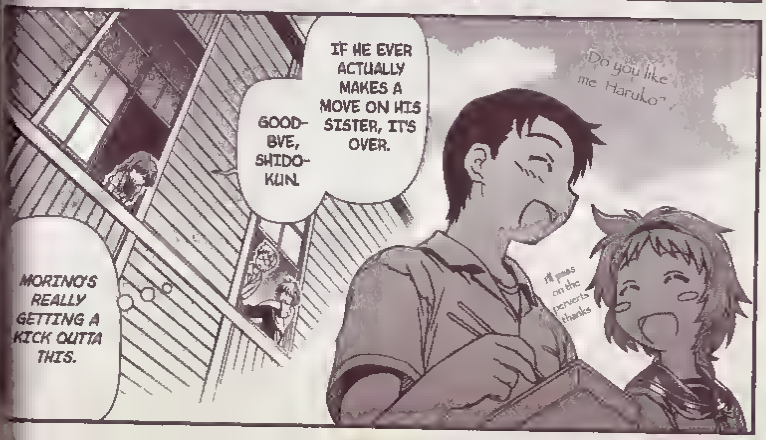

IT'S GOTTEN MORE INTERESTING OVER THERE


I JUST FORGOT MY WALLET
SLURP
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
I'LL PAY YOU BACK.
THANKS


SO, THAT'S WHY IT'S SO GOOD.
NONE OF IT'S HOMEMADE, DEAR BROTHER.


THE LUNCHES YOU MAKE SURE ARE GOOD, HARUKO.
MAN...

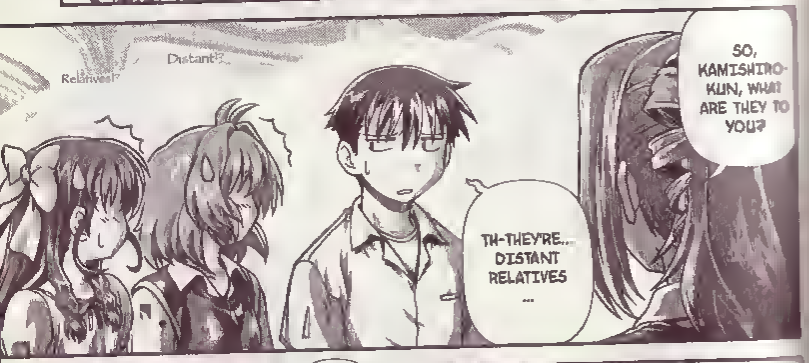
A BIT MUCH? MORE LIKE REALLY MESSED UP
EVEN IF SHE CAN'T DO IT, THAT'S A BIT MUCH..
..MATAGU JUST TOTALLY TOLD HIS SISTER HE HAS THE HOTS FOR HER.

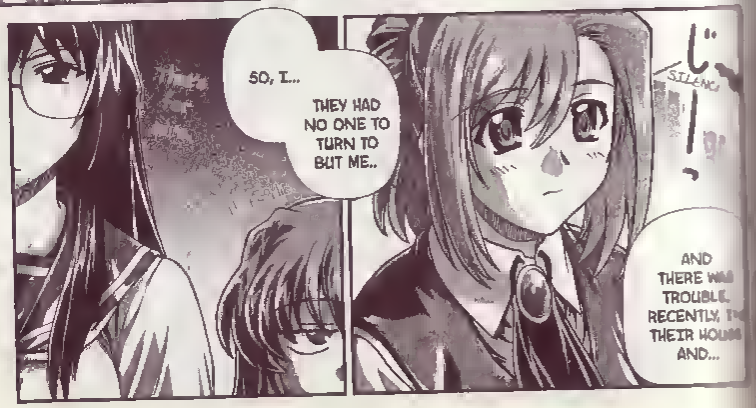

MORINO'S REALLY GETTING A KICK OUTTA THIS.
GOODBYE, SHIDOKUN.
IF HE EVER ACTUALLY MAKES A MOVE ON HIS SISTER, IT'S OVER.
"Do you like me Haruko?"
"I'll pass on the pervects thanks"

...
SINCE WE WERE COMING, ANYWAY, WE MADE YOU A LUNCH.
THERE YOU ARE!
YOU FORGOT YOUR BAG.
WE MADE SQUASH, JUST FOR YOU!
SQUEEZE
SPURT
YOU'RE MAKING ME MAD!
KAMISHIRO-KUN?
...
QUIVER
WHO WERE THEY?

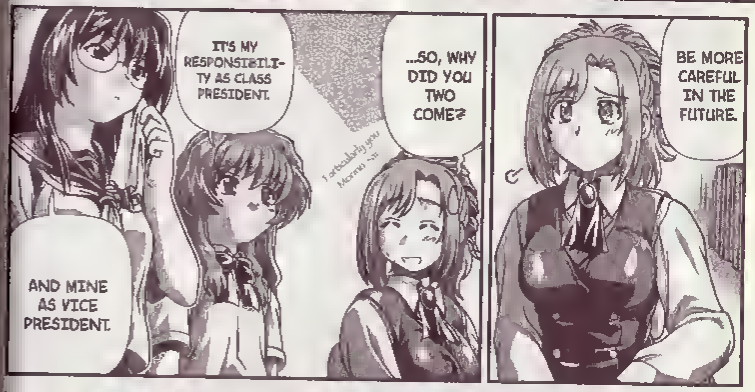
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOME OF MY LUNCH?
SMILE
NO, I DON'T LIKE SQUASH.
HEY, MAIKU!
SNACK
SNACK
ARE YOU READING THEIR LIPS?

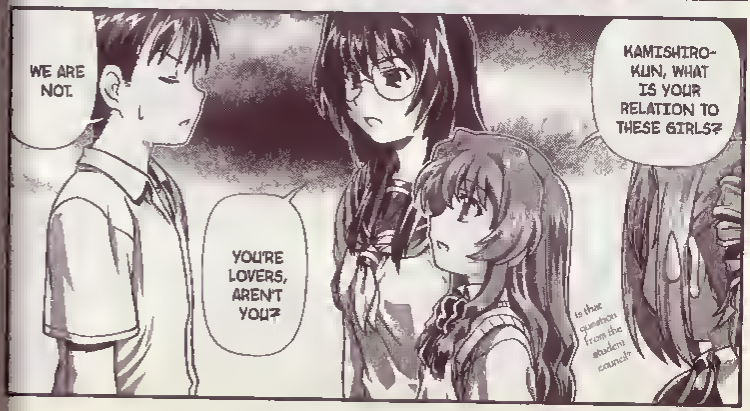
DO YOU THINK SO?
MAN, SHE'S SLOW.
WE ARE NOT!
WHY DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU, ANYWAY?
GRRR
YOU ARE
GLARE


Relatives?
Distant?
SO, KAMISHIRO-KUN, WHAT ARE THEY TO YOU?
TH-THEY'RE... DISTANT RELATIVES ...


SO, I... THEY HAD NO ONE TO TURN TO BUT ME..
SILENCE!
AND THERE WAS TROUBLE. RECENTLY, IN THEIR HOUSE AND...

YES
YOU KNOW IT'S A VIOLATION OF SCHOOL RULES
TO BRING GUESTS ON THE GROUNDS?


IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY AS CLASS PRESIDENT.
...SO, WHY DID YOU TWO COME?
I actually got Mamiya-san
AND MINE AS VICE PRESIDENT.
BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE.

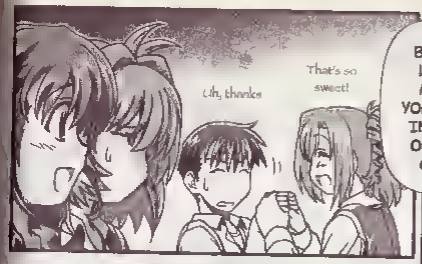

WE ARE NOT.
KAMISHIRO-KUN, WHAT IS YOUR RELATION TO THESE GIRLS?
YOU'RE LOVERS, AREN'T YOU?
Is that question from the student council?

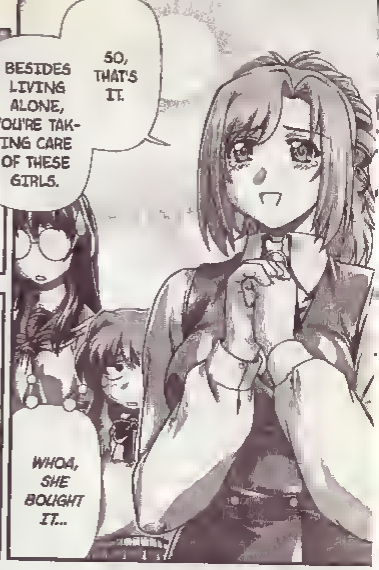
O-OK.
ALL RIGHT, JUST GO HOME
OK. LET'S GO.

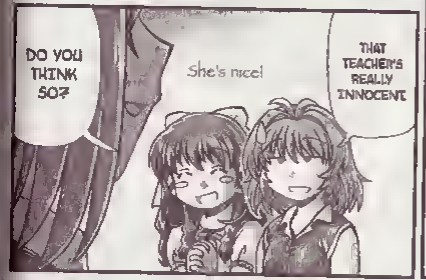
KAMI SHIRO-KUN?

ENJOY YOUR LUNCH!
I HATE SQUASH!
Just hurt the home.

SEMPAI...

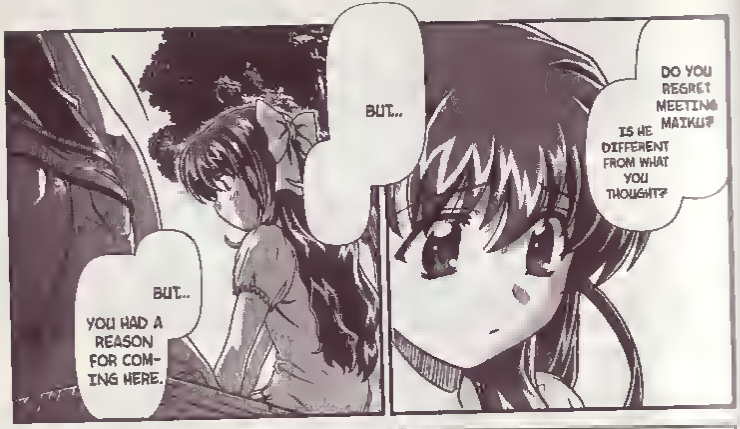

Uh, thanks
That's so sweet!


SO, THAT'S IT.
BESIDES LIVING ALONE, YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF THESE GIRLS.
WHOA, SHE BOUGHT IT...


DO YOU THINK SO?
She's nice!
THAT TEACHER'S REALLY INNOCENT

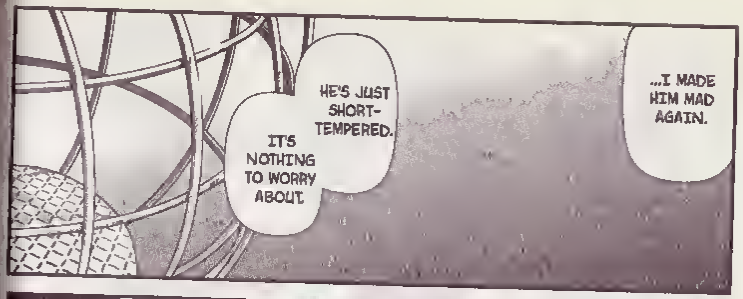
AH, UM, I'M SORRY..
You left it by the door?!
BUT YOUR BAG---
YOU'RE PISSING ME OFF!
YOU SHOULD HAVE LEFT IT!

WHY'D YOU COME TO SCHOOL?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO LEAVE THE HOUSE!

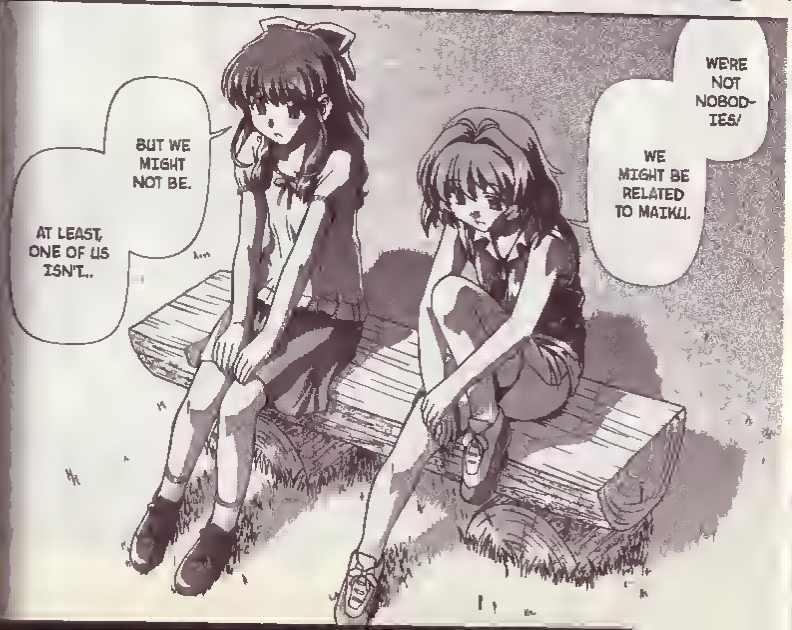

DO YOU REGRET MEETING MAIKU?
IS HE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU THOUGHT?
BUT...
BUT... YOU HAD A REASON FOR COMING HERE.

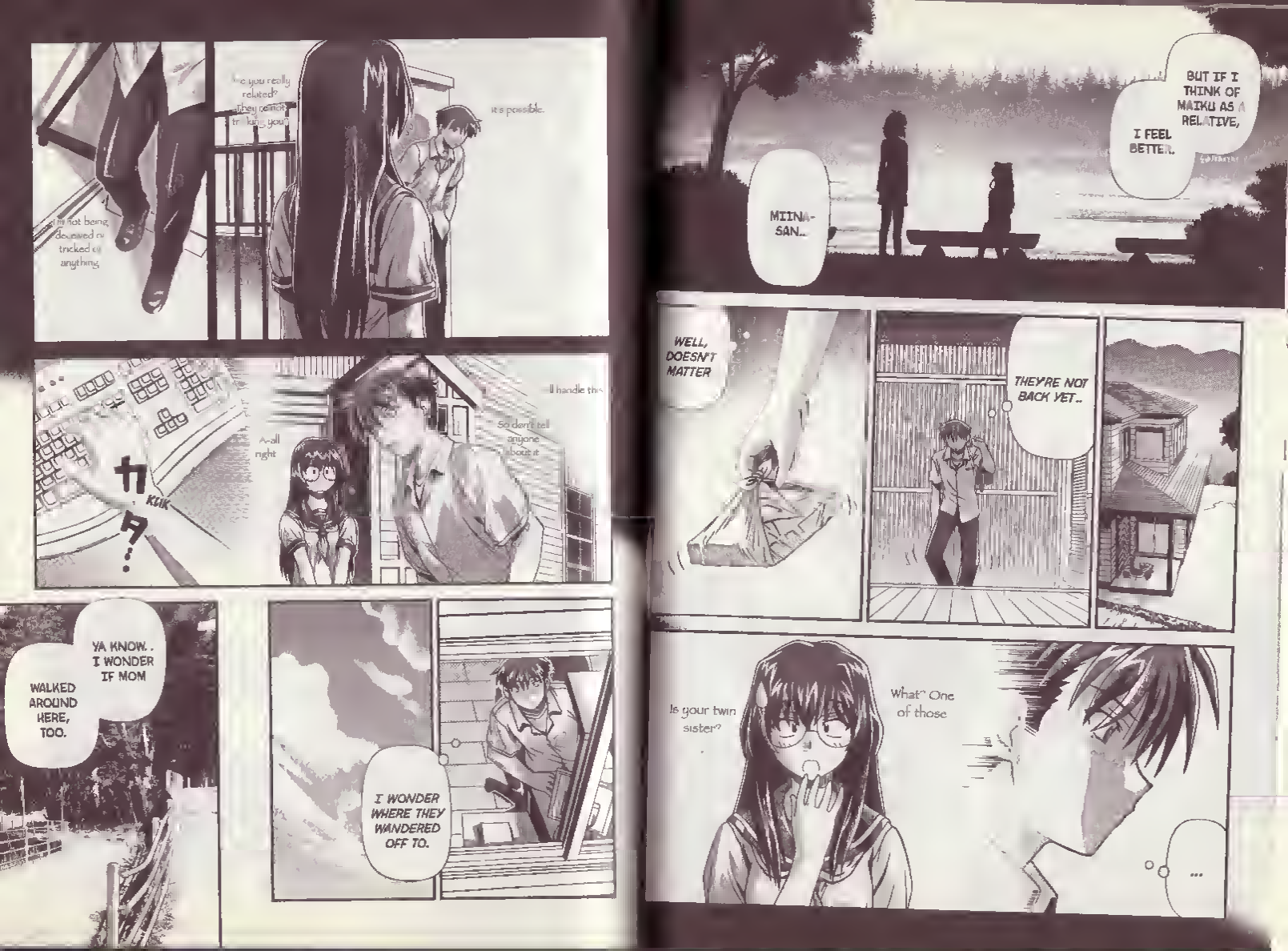
YEAH, I KNOW.
BUT...
EVEN WITH A REASON, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
I UNDERSTAND THAT.

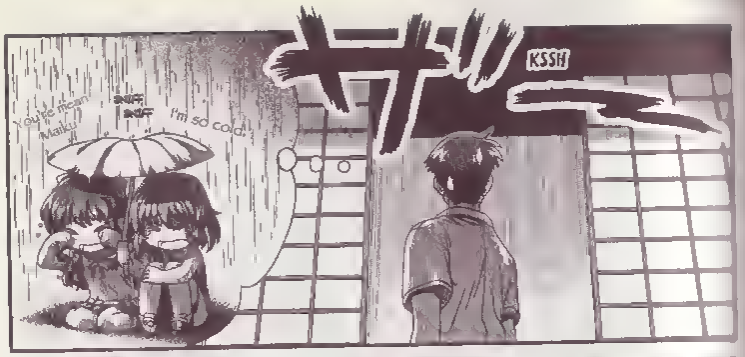
EVEN WHEN IT'S LIKE THIS?
YOU WANTED TO BE HERE?
YES.


...I MADE HIM MAD AGAIN.
HE'S JUST SHORT-TEMPERED.
IT'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

NO, I THINK ANYONE WOULD BE ANGRY.
HE WAS GETTING ALONG FINE,
THEN WE NOBODIES BUTTED INTO HIS LIFE..


WE'RE NOT NOBODIES!
WE MIGHT BE RELATED TO MAIKU.
BUT WE MIGHT NOT BE.
AT LEAST, ONE OF US ISN'T..


I'm not being deceived or tricked or anything
Are you really related? They remind me of you.
It's possible.
I'll handle this
So don't tell anyone about it
All right
KLIK
WALKED AROUND HERE, TOO.
YA KNOW.. I WONDER IF MOM
I WONDER WHERE THEY WANDERED OFF TO.
MIINA-SAN..
I FEEL BETTER.
BUT IF I THINK OF MAIKU AS A RELATIVE,
WELL, DOESN'T MATTER
THEY'RE NOT BACK YET..
Is your twin sister?
What? One of those
...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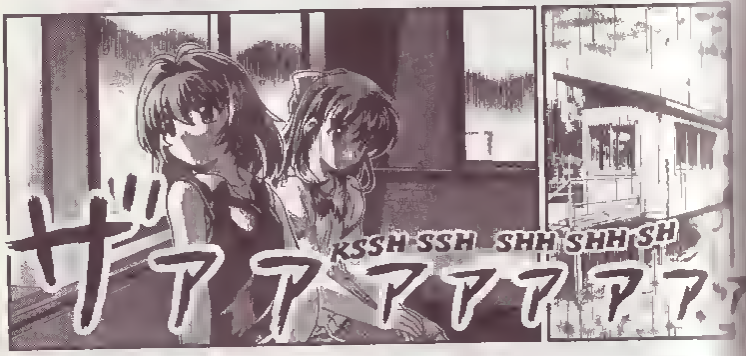
KSSH
You're mean, Maiko!
SNIF SNIF
I'm so cold!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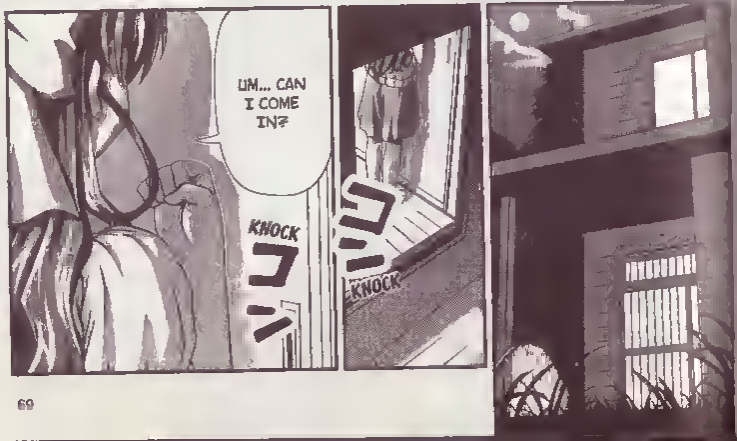
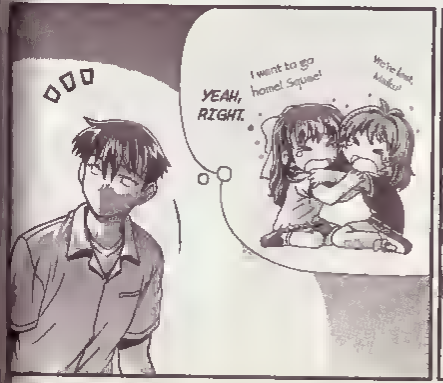
KSSH SSH SHH SHH SH

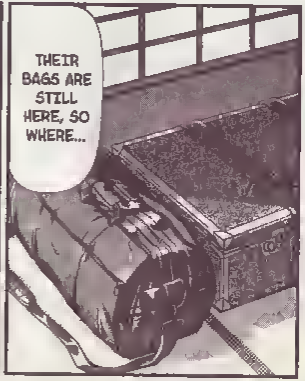

UM... CAN I COME IN?
KNOCK
コンコン
KNOCK

YEAH, WE SHOULD TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND...

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT,
BUT IT SURE IS PRETTY HERE.

AND...
AND WE CAN REMEMBER IT.
SO THE VIEW STAYS WITH US FOREVER.


YEAH, RIGHT.
I want to go home! Squaa!
We're lost, Maiko!

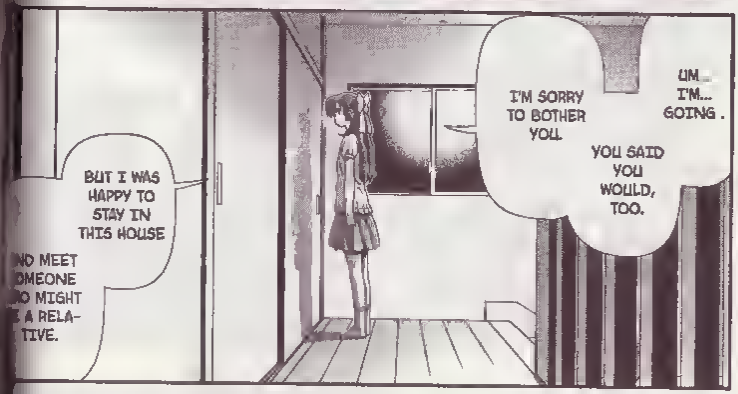

THEIR BAGS ARE STILL HERE, SO WHERE...

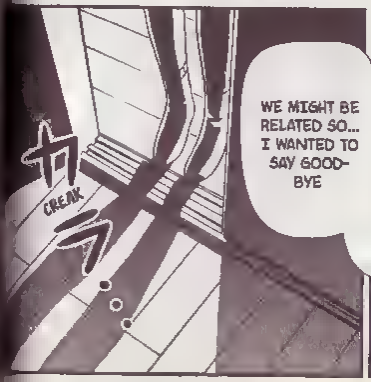
GASP
カラ
SLIDE

I'M JUST NOT GOOD AT GOOD-BYES.
SORRY.

SILENCE
シーン…
...

IT'LL JUST BE A MINUTE. CAN I TALK TO YOU?


BUT I WAS HAPPY TO STAY IN THIS HOUSE
NO MEET OMEONE O MIGHT A RELA-TIVE.
I'M SORRY TO BOTHER YOU.
UM... I'M... GOING.
YOU SAID YOU WOULD, TOO.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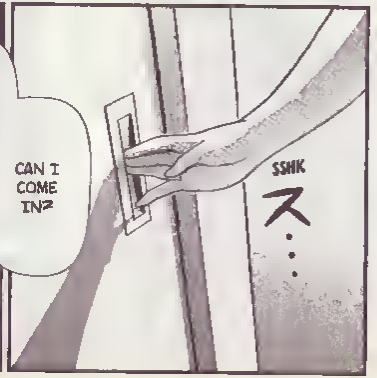
CREAK
WE MIGHT BE RELATED SO... I WANTED TO SAY GOOD-BYE
CAN I COME IN?


SSHK
ス…

I DON'T KNOW WHY MY MOM LEFT ME
DON'T YOU GET IT?
NO, I DON'T!!
I WANTED TO KNOW THE REASON.
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LOT AS A KID.
BUT NOW IT'S NOT SO IMPORTANT.
...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EVEN IF I KNEW, IT WOULDN'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
WHAT? YOU LEAVIN'?
SCREECH
...?
VROOOM
MIINA-SAN!
VROOM
I'M SORRY FOR MAK-ING YOU LET ME STAY.
BUT I JUST WANTED TO...
I TRUST SOMEONE, JUST A LITTLE.
SO...
YOU ARRIVE WITHOUT A WORD, DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE, AND NOW YOU'RE JUST LEAVING?
THAT'S AWFULLY SELFISH
AH...

YOU MIGHT BE RELATED TO ME.
You're not nobody.
SAME GOES FOR YOU.
YES?
HUH?
ANYWAY, IT'S TIME FOR DINNER.
THAT NASTY SQUASH LUNCH DIDN'T TIDE ME OVER.
VROOOOM
...
AND HE CAME LOOKING FOR US..
I was the only human!
HE ATE IT ALL!
WHAT WAS THAT?

I DON'T WANT TO IGNORE A RELATIVE.
I DON'T WANT TO ABANDON YOU.
IF WE ARE RELATED,
IT'S WHAT YOU DO NOW THAT MATTERS.
THERE'S A CHANCE YOU ARE.
EVEN THOUGH I MIGHT NOT BE ONE?
SQUEEZ
REALLY?
I'M NOT SAYING IT AGAIN.
IT'S ALL RIGHT?
YEAH.

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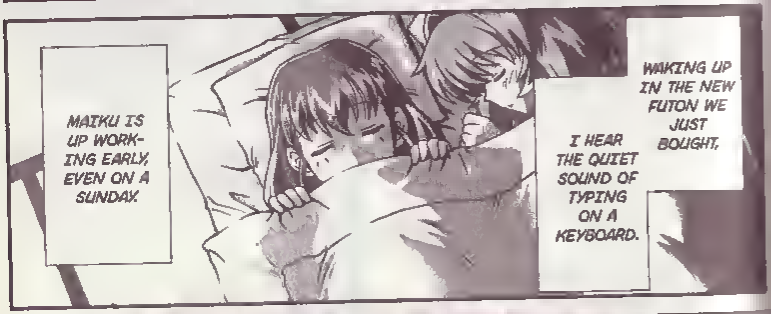
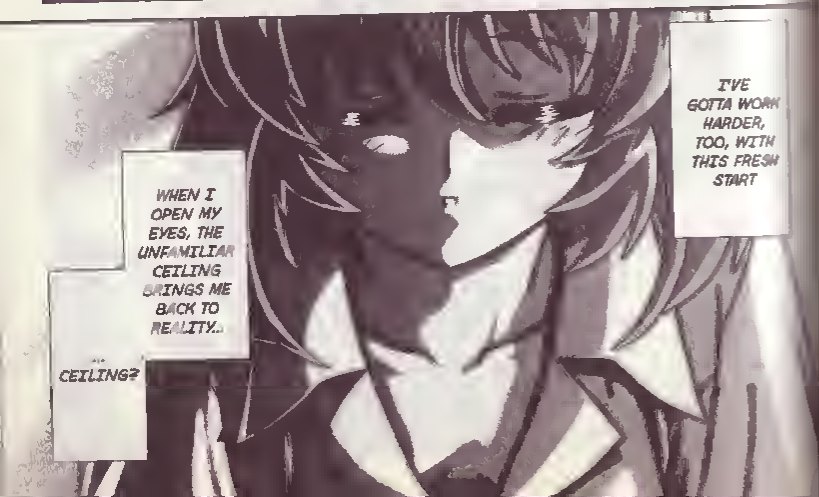
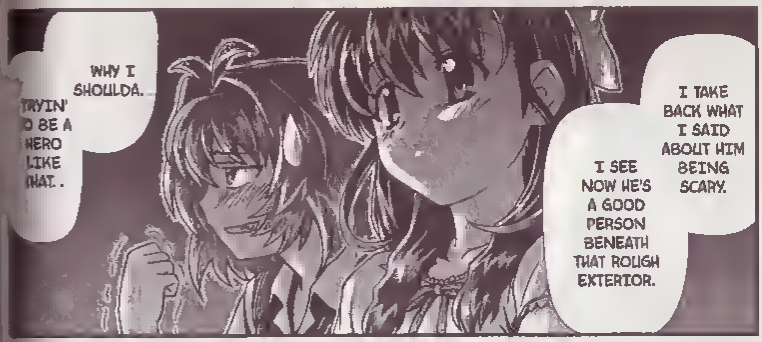
THANKS TO THAT POSSIBILITY, MIINA AND I..
CAME TO SHARE THE EMPTY ROOM ACROSS THE HALL FROM MAIKU'S.
WE MIGHT BE RELATED ...

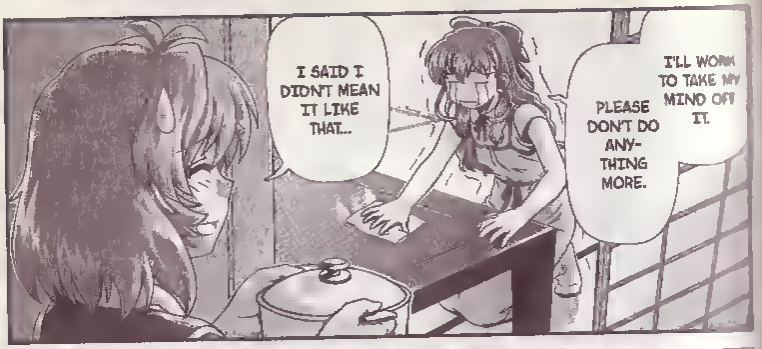

MAIKU IS UP WORKING EARLY, EVEN ON A SUNDAY.
I HEAR THE QUIET SOUND OF TYPING ON A KEYBOARD.
WAKING UP IN THE NEW FUTON WE JUST BOUGHT,

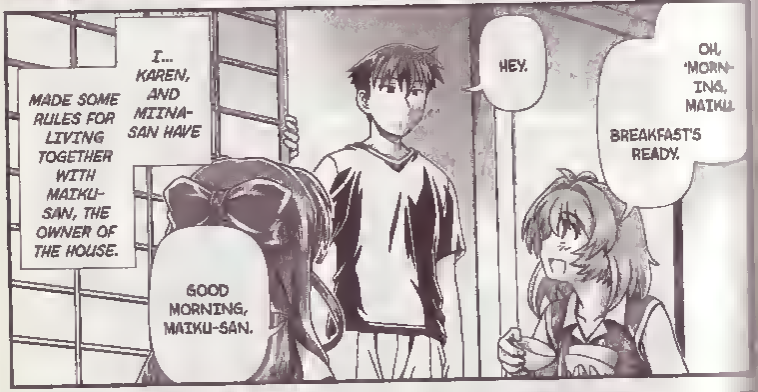

WHEN I OPEN MY EYES, THE UNFAMILIAR CEILING BRINGS ME BACK TO REALITY..
...CEILING?
I'VE GOTTA WORK HARDER, TOO, WITH THIS FRESH START

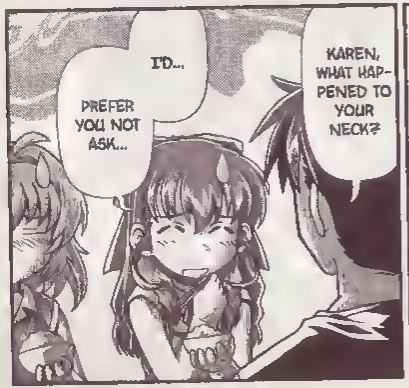

WHY I SHOULDA..
TRYIN' TO BE A HERO LIKE THAT..
I SEE NOW HE'S A GOOD PERSON BENEATH THAT ROUGH EXTERIOR.
I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID ABOUT HIM BEING SCARY.

COMING!
HEY! HURRY IT UP!
I'VE GOT WORK TO DO.

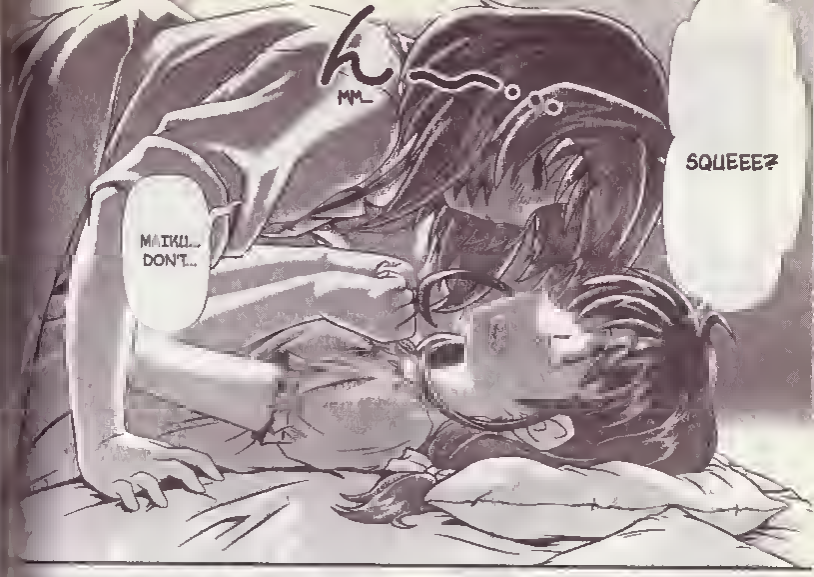
DON'T PISS ME OFF!
OK!
LET'S MAKE SOMETHING WITH SQUASH!
YOU CAN HELP, KAREN!


I SAID I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT...
PLEASE DON'T DO ANY-THING MORE.
I'LL WORK TO TAKE MY MIND OFF IT.


I... KAREN, AND MIINA-SAN HAVE MADE SOME RULES FOR LIVING TOGETHER WITH MAIKU-SAN, THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE.
GOOD MORNING, MAIKU-SAN.
HEY.
OH, 'MORN-ING, MAIKU.
BREAKFAST'S READY.


I'D... PREFER YOU NOT ASK...
KAREN, WHAT HAP-PENED TO YOUR NECK?

DIDN'T WE SAY WE WERE GOING TO DROP THE SAN?
IT WAS MAIKU-SAN'S SUGGES-TION, BUT I'M STILL NOT USED TO IT.


MM...
SQUEEE?
MAIKU... DON'T...

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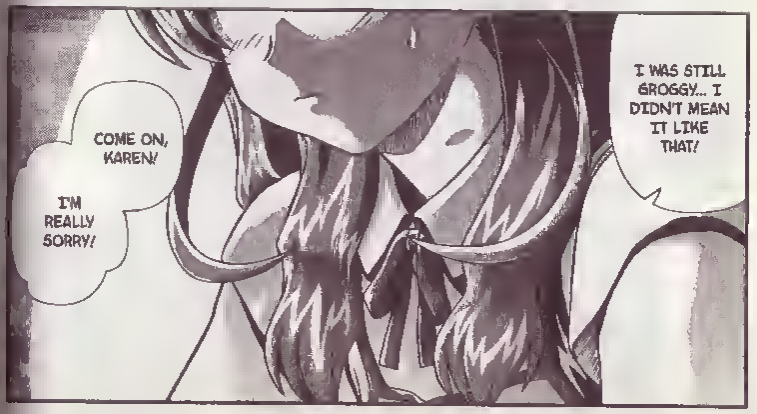
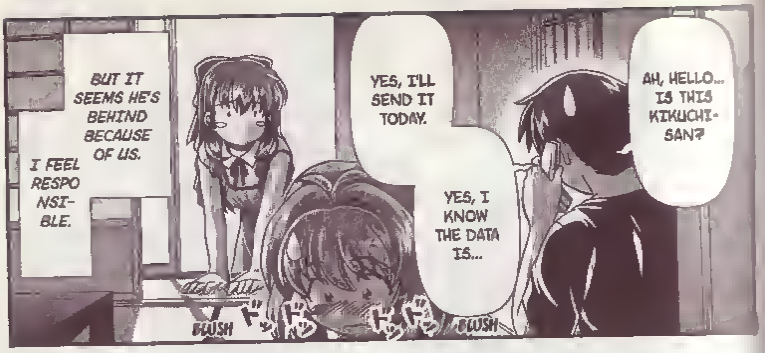

COME ON, KAREN!
I'M REALLY SORRY!
I WAS STILL GROGGY... I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT!


AH, HELLO... IS THIS KIKUCHI-SAN?
YES, I KNOW THE DATA IS...
YES, I'LL SEND IT TODAY.
BUT IT SEEMS HE'S BEHIND BECAUSE OF US.
I FEEL RESPO NSI-BLE.
BLUSH
BLUSH

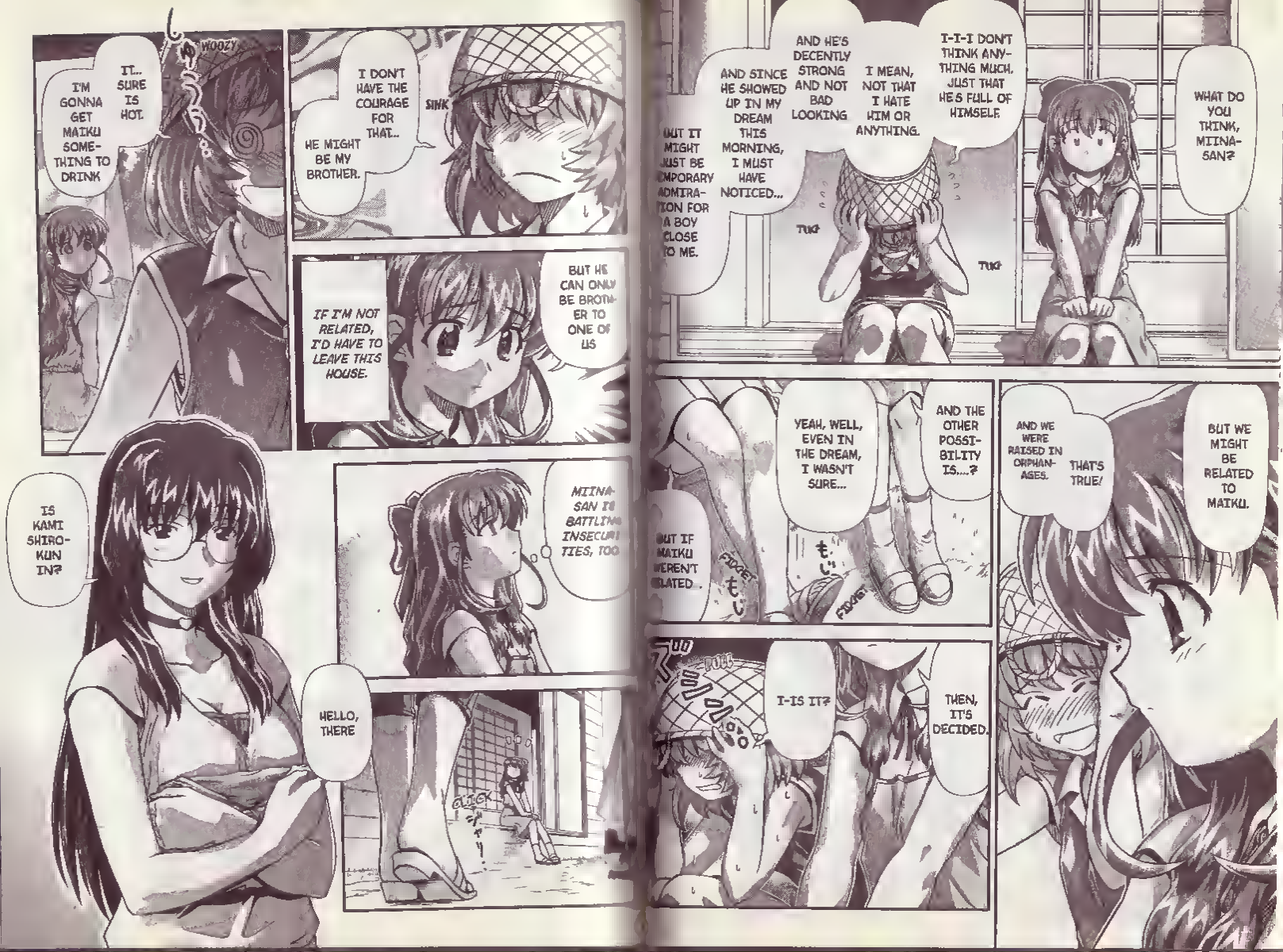
... MIINA -SAN?
HMM? WHAT?
I THINK WE ARE PUSHING OUR-SELVES ON HIM,
NO MATTER WHICH OF US IS RELATED TO HIM.
ABOUT MAIKU-SAN...
...ABOUT MAIKU?
PIQUE

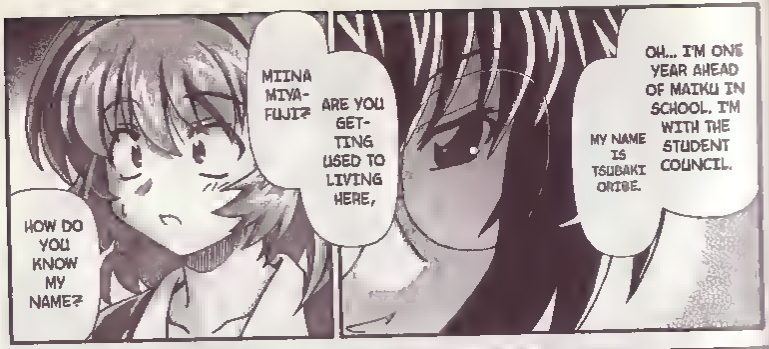
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
BESIDES ...
MAIKU-SAN WAS THE ONE WHO PAID FOR OUR FUTON AND LIVING EXPENSES
CLICK

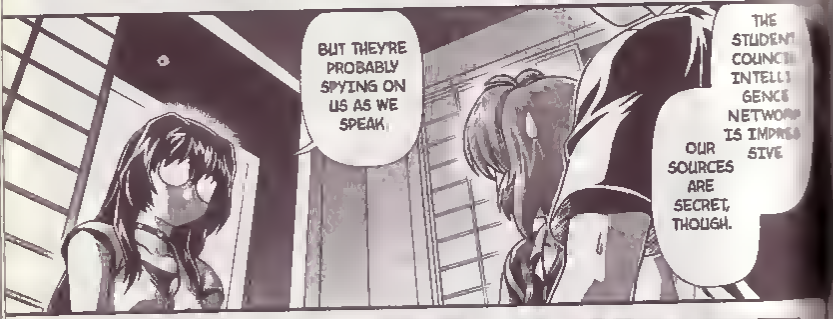
OH...
HOOK

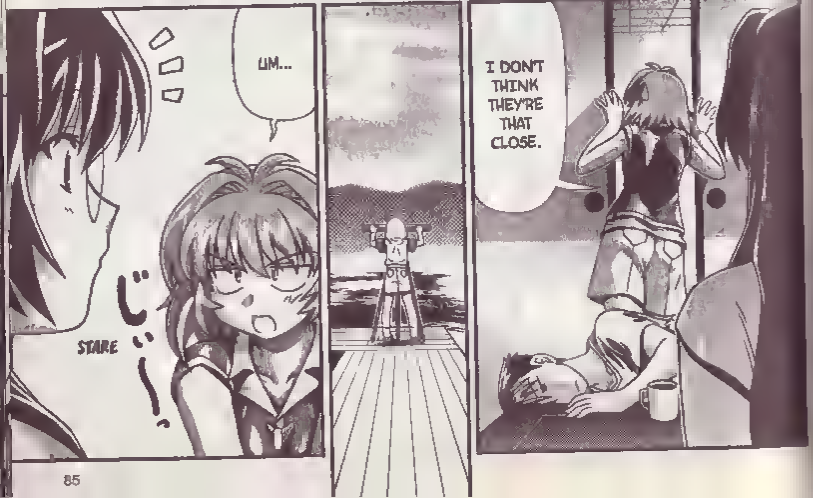
DON'T ANSWER THE PHONE.
AND WE ARE TRYING NOT TO INTERFERE WITH HIS WORK.

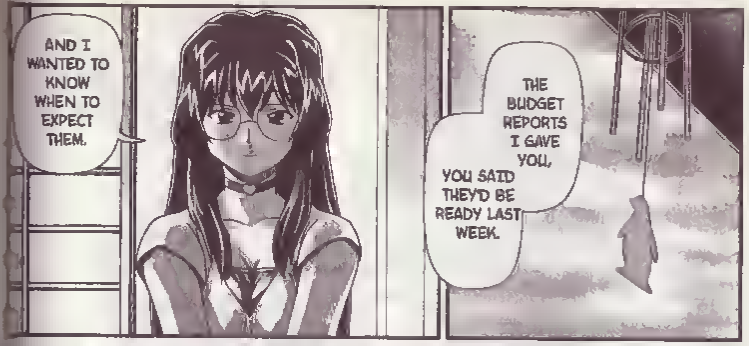
I'LL GET IT.
THE TWO OF US ARE DOING HOUSEWORK TO PAY HIM BACK.
RING
RING
RING

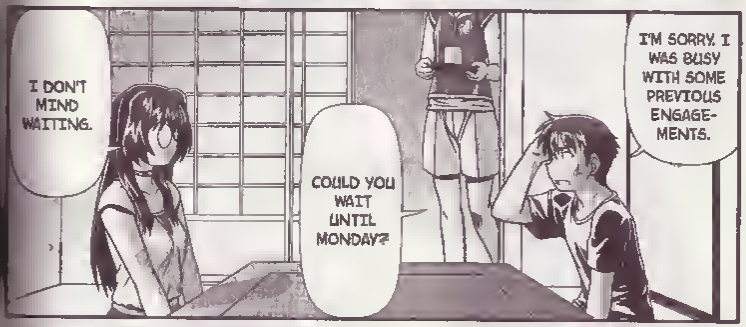

IT... SURE IS HOT.
I'M GONNA GET MAIKU SOMETHING TO DRINK
WOOZY
I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE FOR THAT...
HE MIGHT BE MY BROTHER.
SINK
BUT HE CAN ONLY BE BROTHER TO ONE OF US
IF I'M NOT RELATED, I'D HAVE TO LEAVE THIS HOUSE.
IS KAMI SHIRO-KUN IN?
MIINA-SAN IS BATTLING INSECURITIES, TOO
HELLO, THERE
click
BUT IT MIGHT JUST BE TEMPORARY ADMIRATION FOR A BOY CLOSE TO ME.
AND SINCE HE SHOWED UP IN MY DREAM THIS MORNING, I MUST HAVE NOTICED...
AND HE'S DECENTLY STRONG AND NOT BAD LOOKING
I MEAN, NOT THAT I HATE HIM OR ANYTHING.
I-I-I DON'T THINK ANYTHING MUCH. JUST THAT HE'S FULL OF HIMSELF.
TUK!
TUK!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, MIINA-SAN?
BUT IF MAIKU WEREN'T RELATED...
FIDGET
YEAH, WELL, EVEN IN THE DREAM, I WASN'T SURE...
AND THE OTHER POSSIBILITY IS....?
FIDGET
I-IS IT?
THEN, IT'S DECIDED.
AND WE WERE RAISED IN ORPHANAGES.
THAT'S TRUE!
BUT WE MIGHT BE RELATED TO MAIKU.

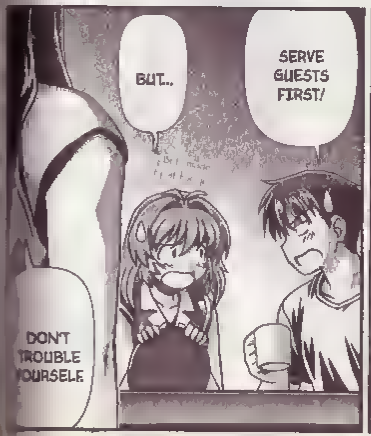

MIINA MIYA-FUJI?
ARE YOU GET-TING USED TO LIVING HERE,
HOW DO YOU KNOW MY NAME?
MY NAME IS TSUBAKI ORIBE.
OH... I'M ONE YEAR AHEAD OF MAIKU IN SCHOOL. I'M WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL.

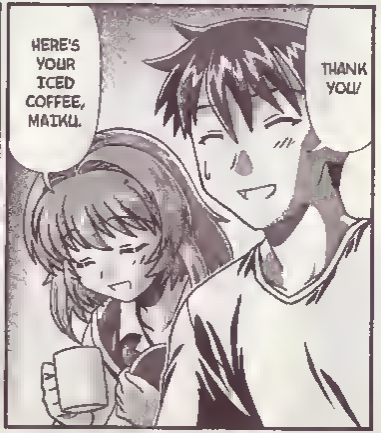

BUT THEY'RE PROBABLY SPYING ON US AS WE SPEAK.
THE STUDENT COUNCIL INTELLI-GENCE NETWORK IS IMPRES-SIVE
OUR SOURCES ARE SECRET, THOUGH.

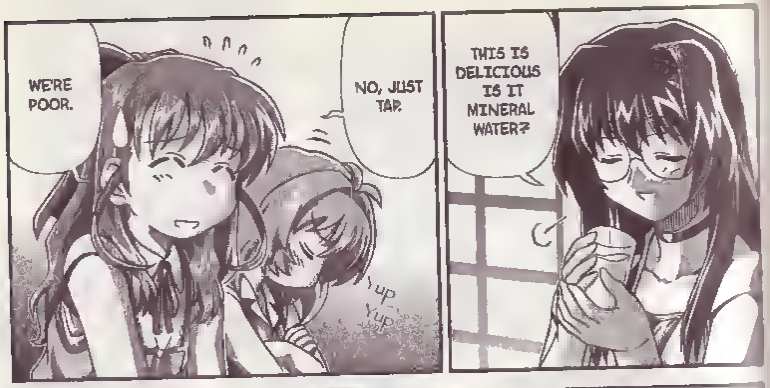

UM...
STARE
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE THAT CLOSE.

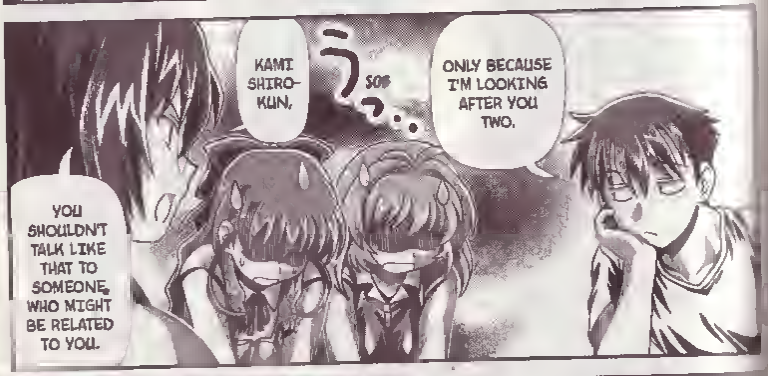

AND I WANTED TO KNOW WHEN TO EXPECT THEM.
THE BUDGET REPORTS I GAVE YOU,
YOU SAID THEY'D BE READY LAST WEEK.


I DON'T MIND WAITING.
COULD YOU WAIT UNTIL MONDAY?
I'M SORRY. I WAS BUSY WITH SOME PREVIOUS ENGAGE-MENTS.


BUT..
SERVE GUESTS FIRST!
DON'T TROUBLE YOURSELF.


HERE'S YOUR ICED COFFEE, MAIKU.
THANK YOU!


WE'RE POOR.
NO, JUST TAP.
Yup Yup
THIS IS DELICIOUS IS IT MINERAL WATER?


KAMI SHIRO-KUN.
SOB
ONLY BECAUSE I'M LOOKING AFTER YOU TWO.
YOU SHOULDN'T TALK LIKE THAT TO SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE RELATED TO YOU.

AH, UM...
THEY'RE ALREADY OPEN, BUT WOULD ANYONE LIKE SOME SNACKS?

THOUGH I GUESS "MIGHT" IS THE KEY WORD..
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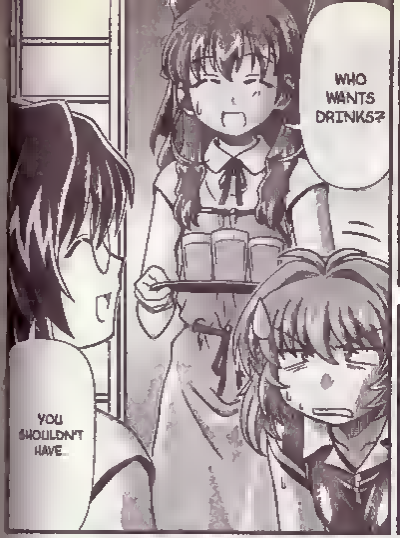
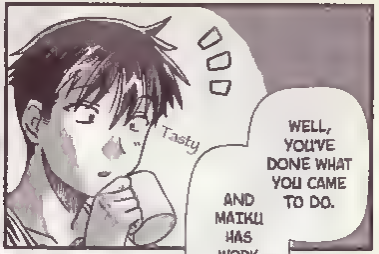
ANNOYED


WHO WANTS DRINKS?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE..


Tasty
WELL, YOU'VE DONE WHAT YOU CAME TO DO.
AND MATIKU HAS WORK TO DO...

THAT'S TRUE

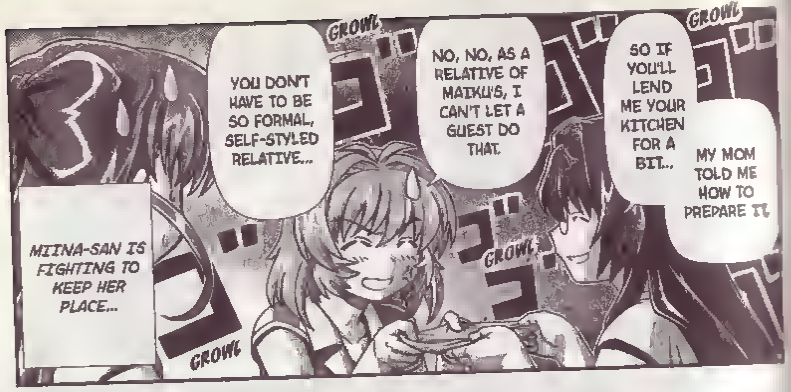
IT'S THE ONE I WAS BORN WITH.
GROWL
MIINA-SAN, THAT'S A SCARY FACE.
BUT SINCE YOU'VE GONE TO THE TROUBLE...

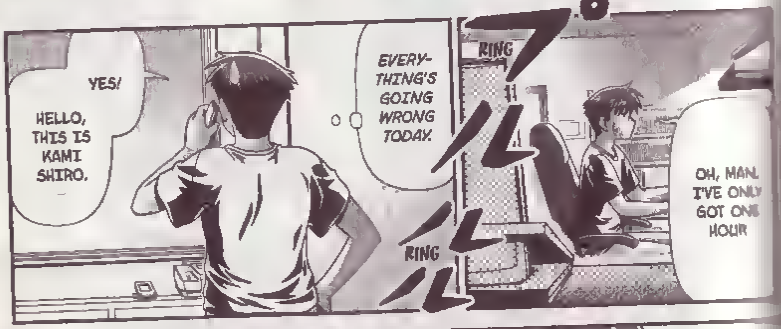
interesting face
PLEASE, DON'T ASK.

SOME-THING WRONG WITH YOUR NECK?
PIQUE

EVERY-ONE AT SCHOOL CALLS HER MARIE.
MARIE-SAN?
EVERY-ONE CAN SEE IT?!
KAMI SHIRO-KUN, DON'T YOU KNOW? SHE SHOWS UP AROUND HERE A LOT.
THAT'S TRUE.
JUST WHAT YOU'D EXPECT FROM A PLACE THAT WAS ON THE NEWS FOR RUMORED UFOS.
DON'T ACCEPT IT SO EASI-LY!
NO?
OH! SHE ANSWERED TO HER NAME!
BUT IT'S YEL-LOW!
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
CRAP! MY WORK!
THAT THING'S WEIRD...
IT'S YEL-LOW...

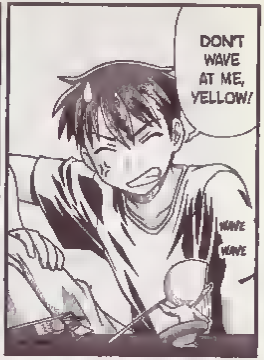
NOO! NO. NO.
CRUNCH
LITTLE WONDER!
WHAT A CUTIE!
OH, MY...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
THE SAME? YOU DON'T MEAN...
Oh woah, today would be day the
IT'S THE SAME HALLUCINA-TION I HAD THAT TIME I DIDN'T SLEEP FOR THREE DAYS.


MIINA-SAN IS FIGHTING TO KEEP HER PLACE...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO FORMAL, SELF-STYLED RELATIVE...
NO, NO, AS A RELATIVE OF MAIKU'S, I CAN'T LET A GUEST DO THAT.
SO IF YOU'LL LEND ME YOUR KITCHEN FOR A BIT...
MY MOM TOLD ME HOW TO PREPARE IT.
GROWL
GROWL
GROWL

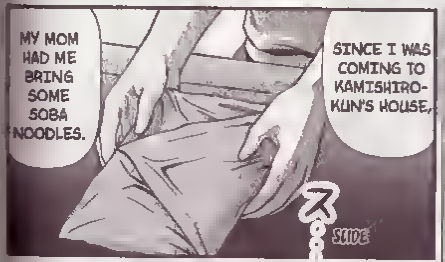

YES!
HELLO, THIS IS KAMI SHIRO.
EVERY-THING'S GOING WRONG TODAY.
RING
RING
OH, MAN. I'VE ONLY GOT ONE HOUR

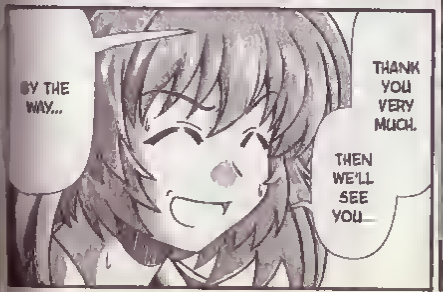
WHAT?
AH, THAT'S...
ARE YOU...?

DON'T INTERRUPT ME, PINK AND GREEN.
WELL, I'M GOING BACK TO WORK.

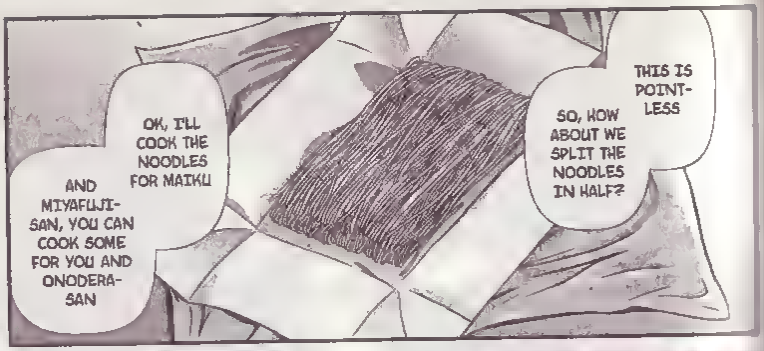

DON'T WAVE AT ME, YELLOW!
WAVE
WAVE

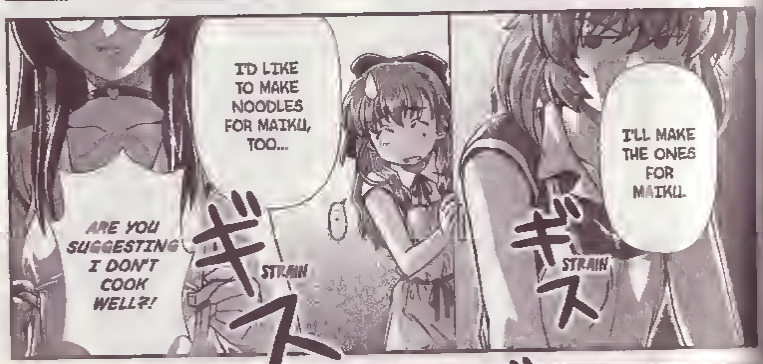
STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP


MY MOM HAD ME BRING SOME SOBA NOODLES.
SINCE I WAS COMING TO KAMISHIRO-KUN'S HOUSE,
SLIDE


BY THE WAY...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THEN WE'LL SEE YOU...

OH, YEAH, I FORGOT.
ARE YOU STAYING, SEMPAI?


THIS IS POINT-LESS
SO, HOW ABOUT WE SPLIT THE NOODLES IN HALF?
OK, I'LL COOK THE NOODLES FOR MAIKU
AND MIYAFUJI-SAN, YOU CAN COOK SOME FOR YOU AND ONODERA-SAN


I'D LIKE TO MAKE NOODLES FOR MAIKU, TOO...
I'LL MAKE THE ONES FOR MAIKU.
ARE YOU SUGGESTING I DON'T COOK WELL?!
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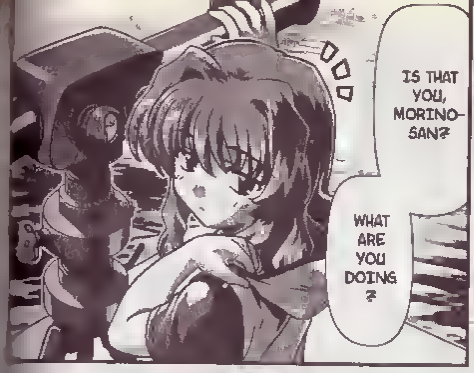
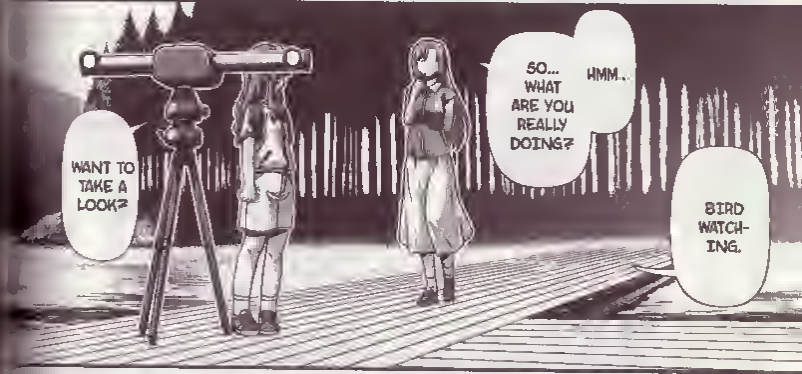
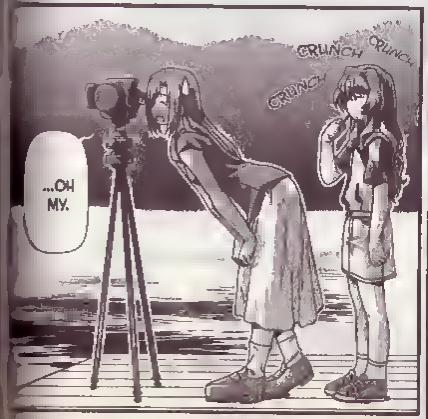
STRAIN
ギス
STRAIN

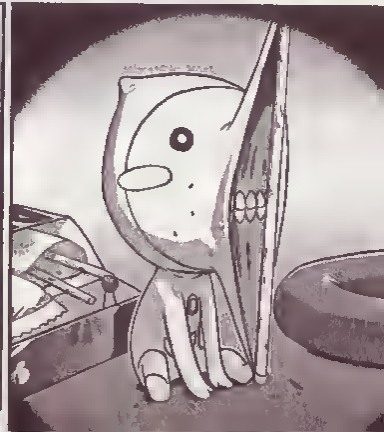
THE ATMOS-PHERE IN HERE IS SO TENSE.
AH... UM..
SHIVER
ギス
STRAIN
EVEN IF I AM, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
DON'T GET MAD...
YOU SOUND JEALOUS.
ギス
STRAIN


IS THAT YOU, MORINO-SAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

CRUNCH


WANT TO TAKE A LOOK?
SO... WHAT ARE YOU REALLY DOING?
HMM..
BIRD WATCH-ING.


CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
...OH MY.



OH, SURE, COME RIGHT IN
KNOCK
KNOCK
UM... IT'S KAREN
CAN I COME IN?
ピッ……
BEEP
OK.
SLIP
ズリ
SLIP
ズリ…
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT. HAVE A SEAT.
KAREN, DID YOU...
GIVE THIS NUMBER TO YOUR PARENTS?
YES, YESTERDAY I CALLED ON A PAY PHONE
THEY CALLED
UM... YOUR SEMPAI AND MIWA-SAN ARE...
COOKING IN A VERY SCARY WAY
CALM DOWN.
すぅ
SUUZ
るー
EEEK
びくっ
WHAT...?
GROWL
オオオ
SQU... SQUE...
SQUEEE...
キリリリ!
QUIVER
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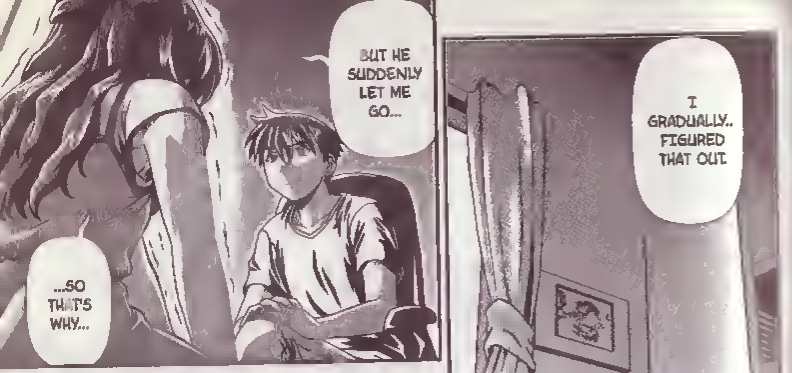
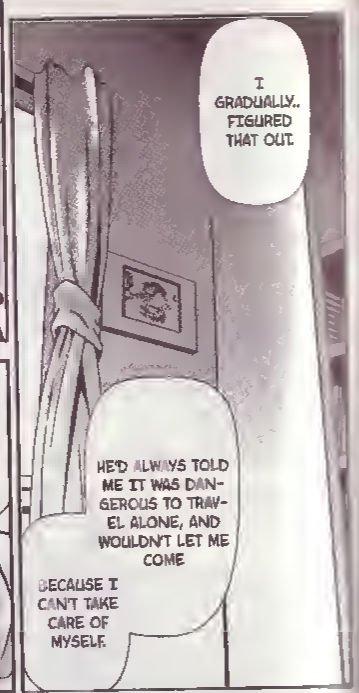
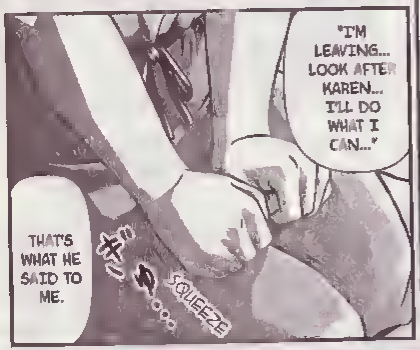
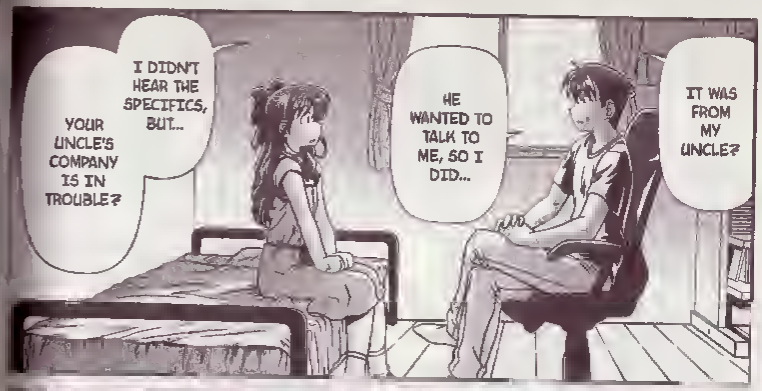

BUT HE SUDDENLY LET ME GO...
...SO THAT'S WHY...

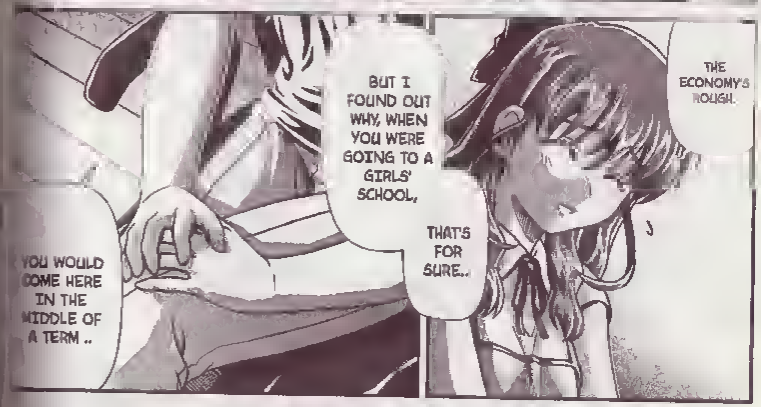

I GRADUALLY.. FIGURED THAT OUT.
HE'D ALWAYS TOLD ME IT WAS DANGEROUS TO TRAVEL ALONE, AND WOULDN'T LET ME COME
BECAUSE I CAN'T TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

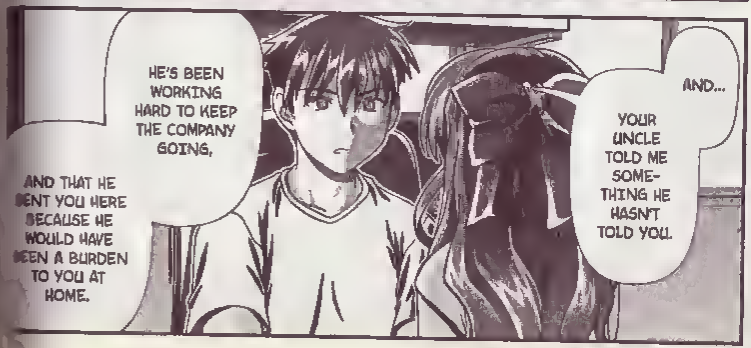

"I'M LEAVING... LOOK AFTER KAREN... I'LL DO WHAT I CAN..."
THAT'S WHAT HE SAID TO ME.
SQUEEZE

BUT... HE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CALL AGAIN, HE SAID:

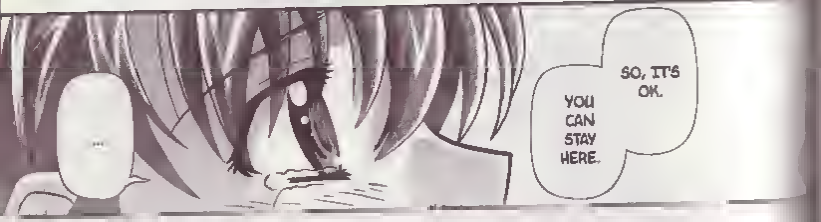
MAIKU-SAN, MY UNCLE IS...
DON'T WORRY. I TOLD HIM IT WAS ALL RIGHT.


YOUR UNCLE'S COMPANY IS IN TROUBLE?
I DIDN'T HEAR THE SPECIFICS, BUT...
HE WANTED TO TALK TO ME, SO I DID...
IT WAS FROM MY UNCLE?

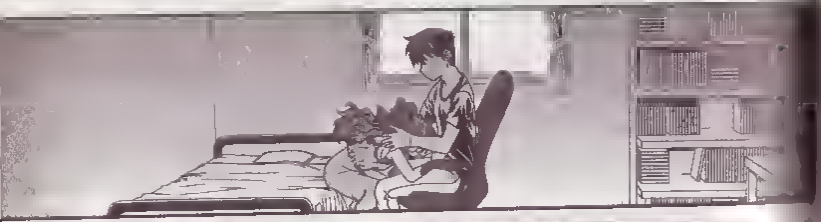

YOU WOULD COME HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A TERM ..
BUT I FOUND OUT WHY, WHEN YOU WERE GOING TO A GIRLS' SCHOOL,
THAT'S FOR SURE..
THE ECONOMY'S ROUGH.

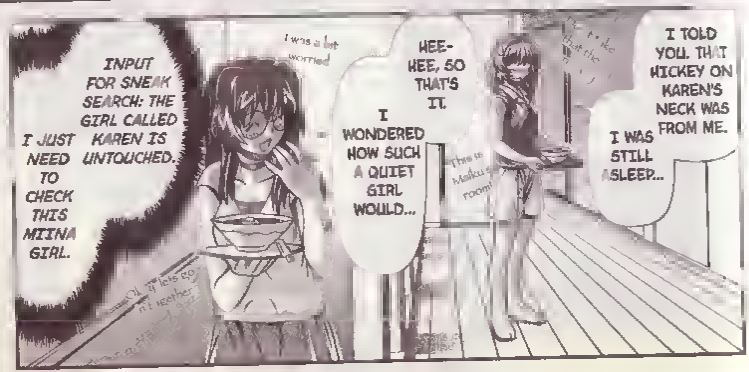

AND THAT HE SENT YOU HERE BECAUSE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN A BURDEN TO YOU AT HOME.
HE'S BEEN WORKING HARD TO KEEP THE COMPANY GOING,
AND...
YOUR UNCLE TOLD ME SOMETHING HE HASN'T TOLD YOU.

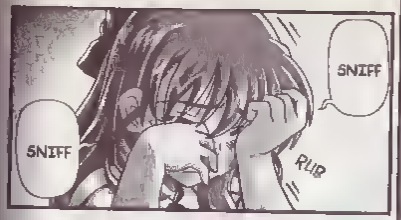
I WON'T ABANDON YOU...

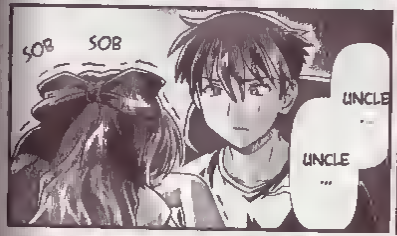


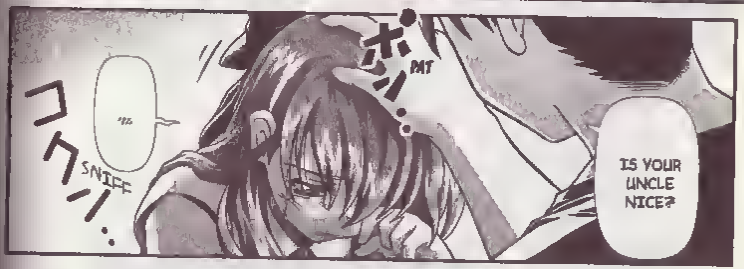
I SWEAR

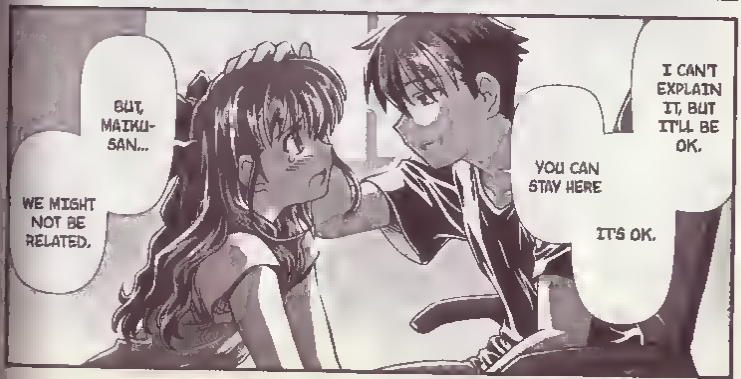


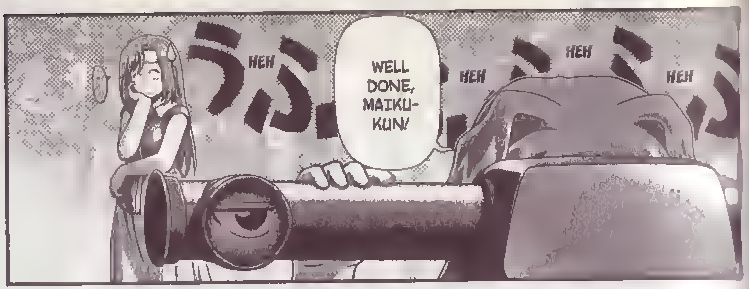

INPUT FOR SNEAK SEARCH: THE GIRL CALLED KAREN IS UNTOUCHED.
I JUST NEED TO CHECK THIS MIINA GIRL.
I was a bit worried
HEE-HEE, SO THAT'S IT.
I WONDERED HOW SUCH A QUIET GIRL WOULD...
This is Maiku's room!
I TOLD YOU. THAT HICKEY ON KAREN'S NECK WAS FROM ME.
I WAS STILL ASLEEP...







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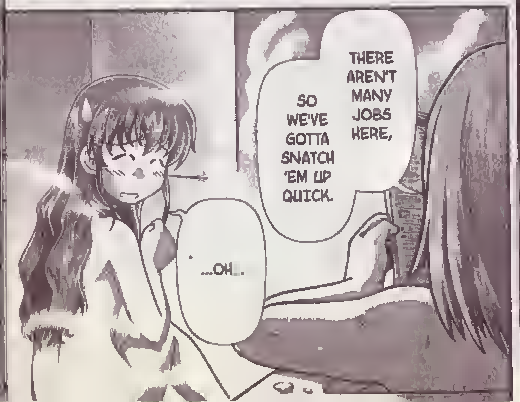
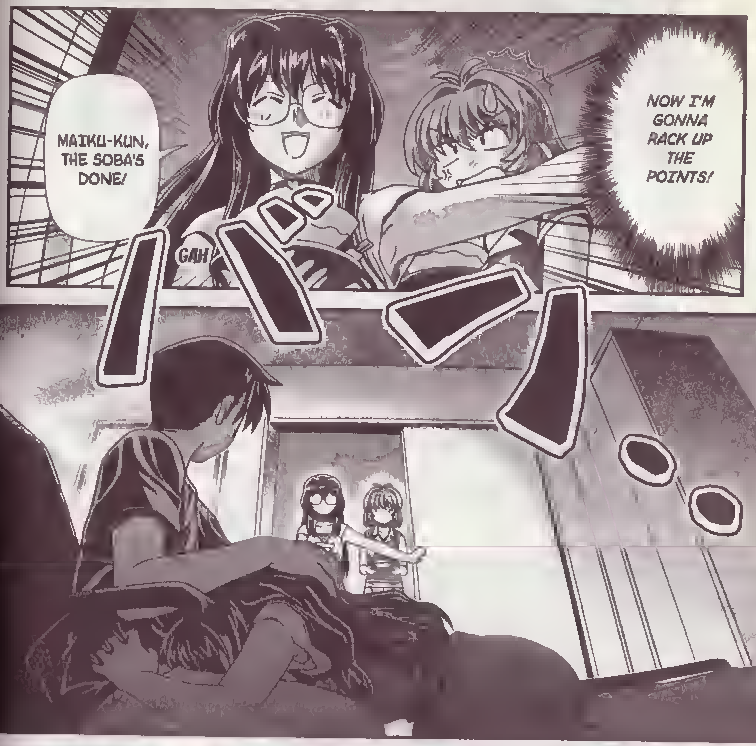
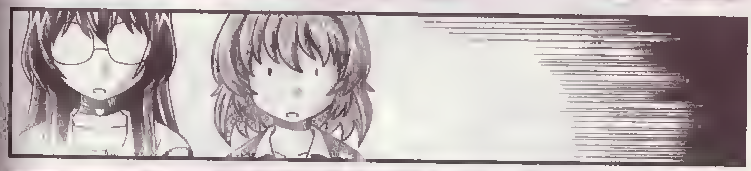
HEH
HEH
HEH
HEH
WELL DONE, MAIKU-KUN!

JOB LISTINGS.
I DON'T WANT TO MAKE MAIKU DO ALL THE WORK.
I interrupted Maiku's work today too
WHAT ARE YOU READING, MIINA-SAN?

YOU SURPRISED ME THIS AFTERNOON
EVEN THOUGH I KNEW IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN *THAT* IF I THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
O-OF COURSE NOT!


THERE AREN'T MANY JOBS HERE,
SO WE'VE GOTTA SNATCH 'EM UP QUICK.
...OH...


MAIKU-KUN, THE SOBA'S DONE!
NOW I'M GONNA RACK UP THE POINTS!
GAH!



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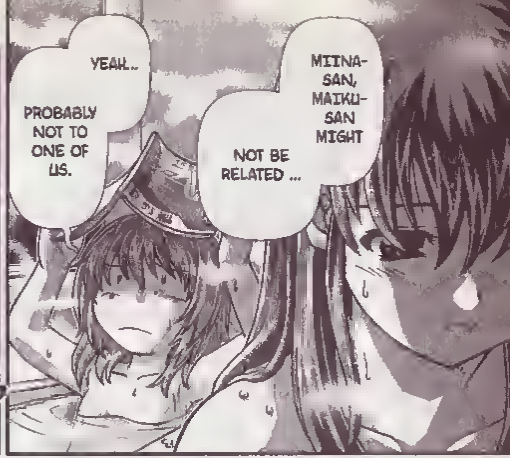
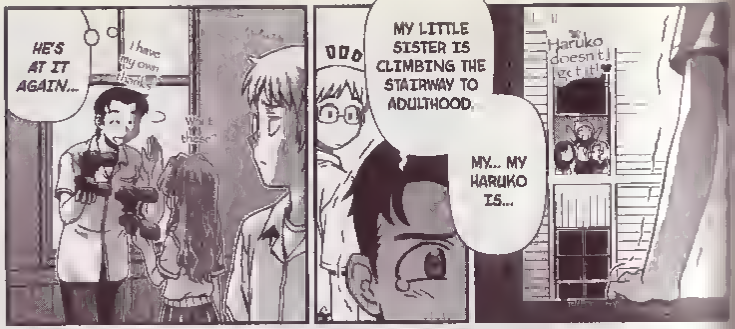
OH!
SQUISH!


MIINA-SAN, MAIKU-SAN MIGHT NOT BE RELATED ...
YEAH... PROBABLY NOT TO ONE OF US.

MAIKU! GIMME THE PHONE!
NO, I HAVEN'T BEEN SLACK-ING OFF.
HI, IS THIS KIKUCHI-SAN? WELL..
IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE SENDING THE DATA TOMORROW.

This is impor-tant!
Miina? Where are your clothes?
Are we so poor that you don't have any-thing to wear?
BUT...
WE MIGHT NOT BE RELATED.

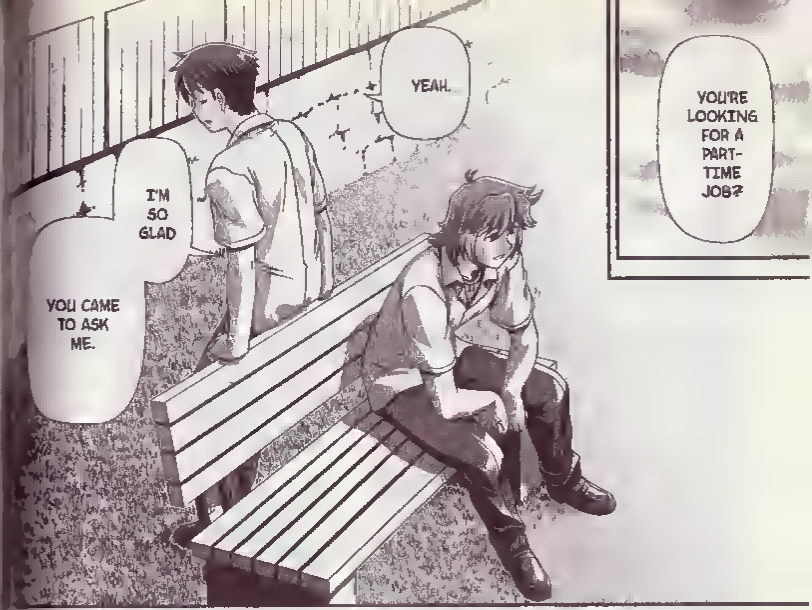
DO YOU BOTH WANT TO WORK?
YOU WANT JOBS?
YEAH. YOU CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE WHO WORKS.
I AGREE.
AND WE'RE IN NO POSITION TO LAZE AROUND.
...WE'RE FAMILY.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS?
I JUST CAME HERE TWO MONTHS AGO...
I HARDLY KNOW ANY-ONE.
YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY FRIENDS...
SHUT UP.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL?
DON'T YOU WANT TO GO?
AH-HA-HA.
I CAN'T GO.
I'M TOO STUPID.
MIINA-SAN, DID YOU QUIT SCHOOL BEFORE HIGH SCHOOL?
I-I... WELL...
I MEANT TO GO... BUT IT DIDN'T WORK OUT.
OH, BUT LOOK, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GO TO SCHOOL, MAIKU
OH, YEAH.

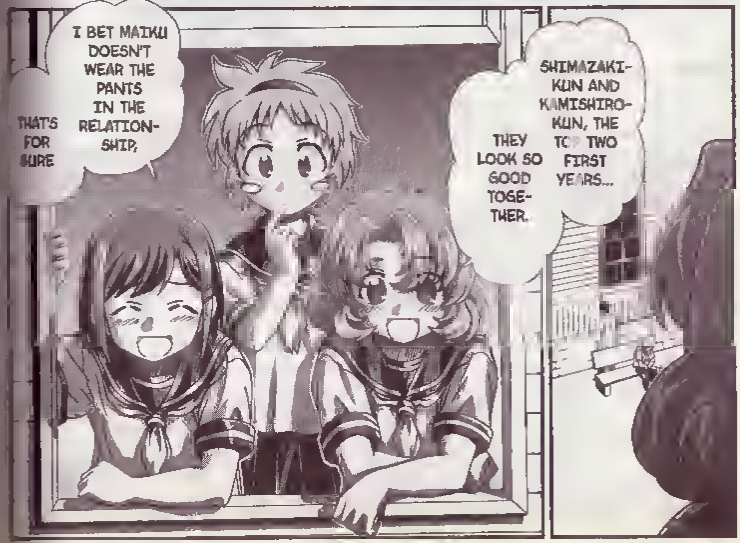

HE'S AT IT AGAIN...
I have my own room!
MY LITTLE SISTER IS CLIMBING THE STAIRWAY TO ADULTHOOD.
MY... MY HARUKO IS...
Haruko doesn't get it!!

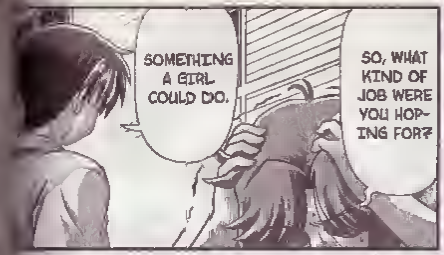
WHY'S THAT?
A PART-TIME JOB...?
BUT THAT'S STRANGE...

I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.

WELL, YOU ALREADY HAVE WORK AS A PROGRAM...
HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT?!

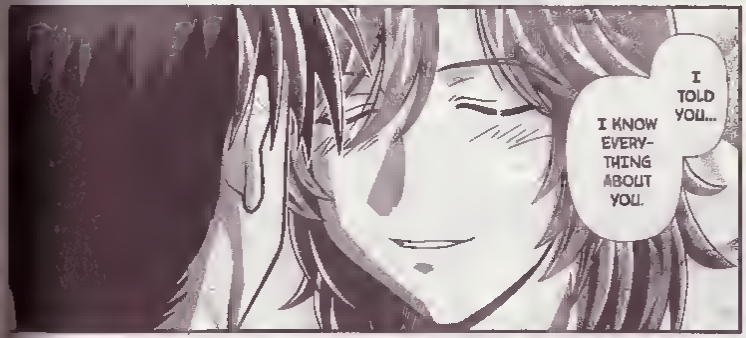

YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME JOB?
YEAH.
I'M SO GLAD
YOU CAME TO ASK ME.


I BET MAIKU DOESN'T WEAR THE PANTS IN THE RELATION-SHIP.
THAT'S FOR SURE
SHIMAZAKI-KUN AND KAMISHIRO-KUN, THE TOP TWO FIRST YEARS...
THEY LOOK SO GOOD TOGE-THER.

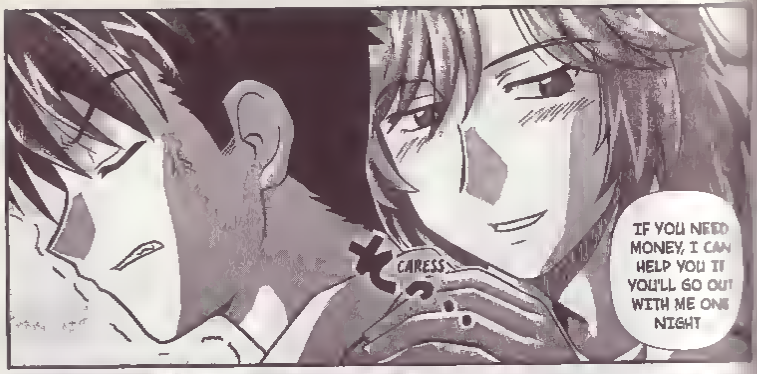

SOMETHING A GIRL COULD DO.
SO, WHAT KIND OF JOB WERE YOU HOPING FOR?

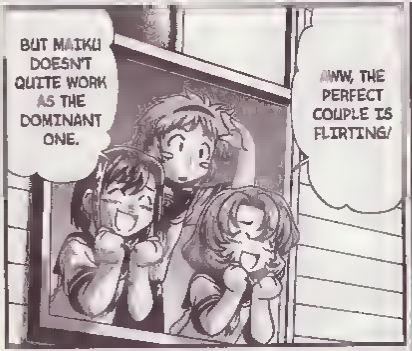
I'LL HIT YOU.
MY HEAD'S ALREADY THROBBING.

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?!
OH, FOR THE GIRLS WHO ARE LIVING AT YOUR HOUSE?


I TOLD YOU...
I KNOW EVERY-THING ABOUT YOU.

HM?
MAIKU-KUN.
MY HEAD'S ALREADY ...
I'LL HIT YOU.

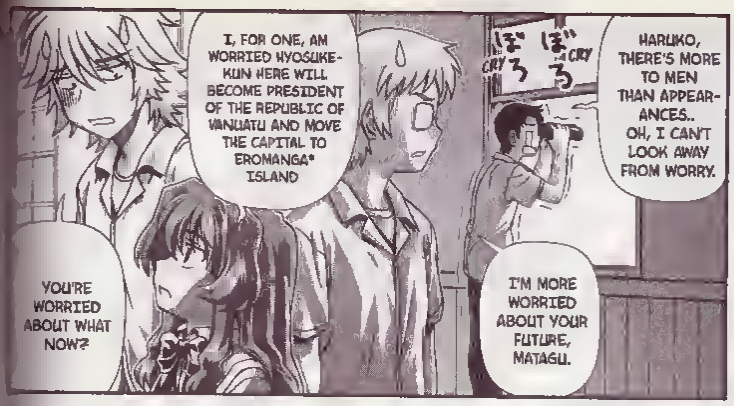

CARESS
IF YOU NEED MONEY, I CAN HELP YOU IF YOU'LL GO OUT WITH ME ONE NIGHT


BUT MAIKU DOESN'T QUITE WORK AS THE DOMINANT ONE.
AWW, THE PERFECT COUPLE IS FLIRTING!

SO HOW 'BOUT THOSE JOB IDEAS?
SORRY... MY HEAD IS SPINNING AND I CAN'T CONCEN-TRATE.

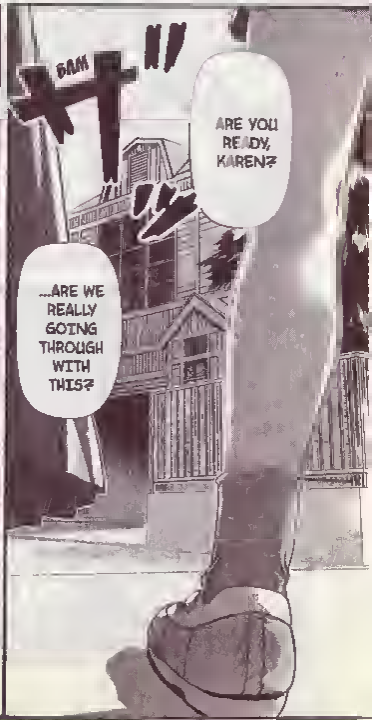
HARUKO ...

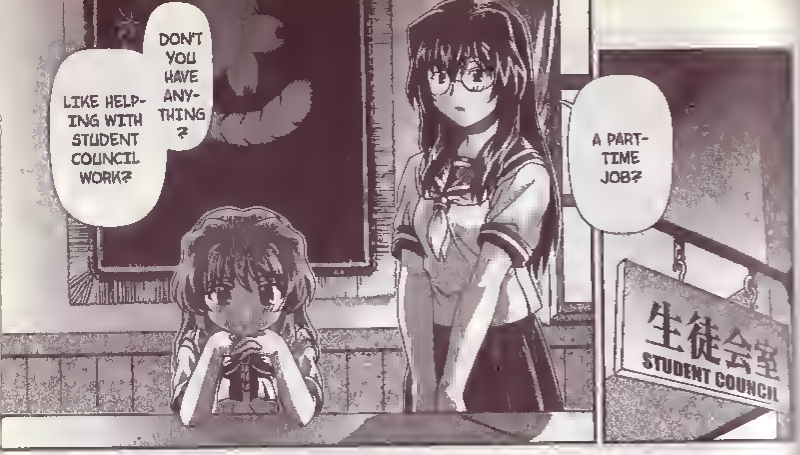
I LOOK EIGHTEEN IN THIS, DON'T I?
THAT'S WHY WE DRESSED TO LOOK OLDER?
WELL, YES...
YOU SEEM PROUD OF YOUR PADDED BRA..
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT EXCITED ABOUT THIS,
BUT IF WE DON'T GET MONEY, IT'LL BE HARD FOR MAIKU
WE'RE DOING IT FOR MAIKU!
FOR MAIKU..?

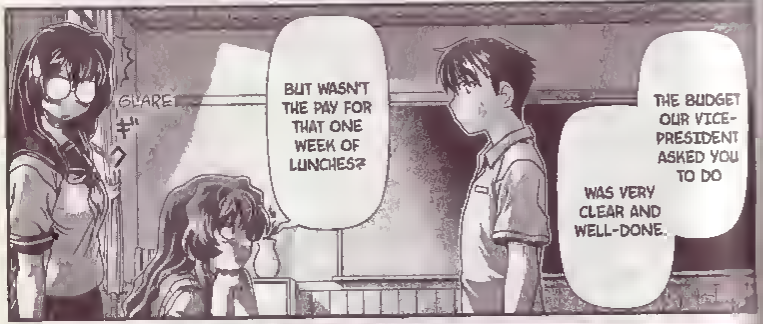

I, FOR ONE, AM WORRIED HYOSUKE-KUN HERE WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VANUATU AND MOVE THE CAPITAL TO EROMANGA* ISLAND
HARUKO, THERE'S MORE TO MEN THAN APPEAR-ANCES.. OH, I CAN'T LOOK AWAY FROM WORRY.
YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT WHAT NOW?
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOUR FUTURE, MATAGU.
CRY
CRY

*EROMANGA SOUNDS LIKE "EROTIC COMICS" IN JAPANESE.

MAIKU'S SCHOOL IS HIRING OFFICE CLERKS.
WE'VE GOTTA TAKE THIS CHANCE!
BUT... OUR RESUMES ARE COM-PLETELY MADE-UP.
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES, AT LEAST, SO WE HAD TO.
Not so loud




DON'T YOU HAVE ANY-THING?
LIKE HELP-ING WITH STUDENT COUNCIL WORK?
A PART-TIME JOB?
生徒会室
STUDENT COUNCIL


GLARE
BUT WASN'T THE PAY FOR THAT ONE WEEK OF LUNCHES?
THE BUDGET OUR VICE-PRESIDENT ASKED YOU TO DO
WAS VERY CLEAR AND WELL-DONE.

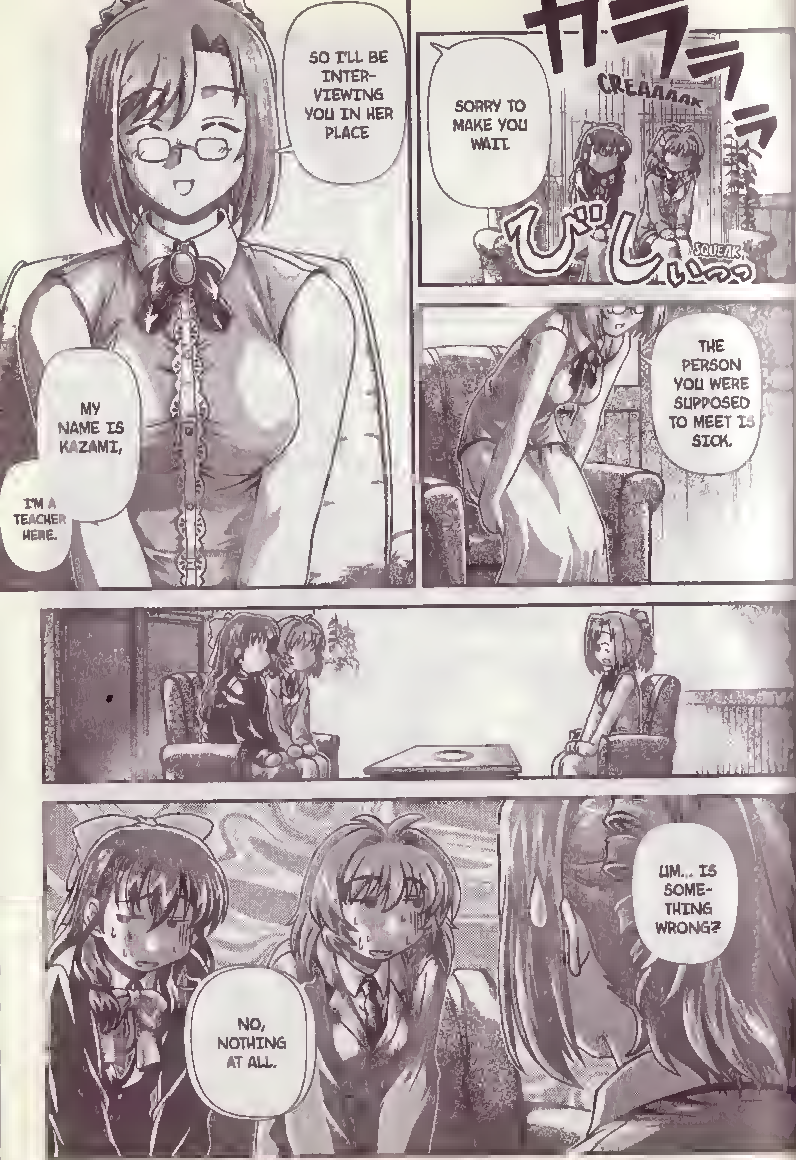
SNIFF
PLEASE TELL ME IF YOU KNOW OF ANY JOBS.
I HAVE ANOTHER SUGGES-TION.
MY LUNCHES ARE MADE AT HOME.

SOB
THANKS FOR CHASING OFF THAT PUSHY SEMPAI
I'M GLAD I CAN SPEND TIME WITH YOU AT SCHOOL, KAREN.
I DID IT FOR YOU, MAIKU.
SIGH
SO AM I.

ALL RIGHT! ME, TOO!
I'LL DO IT, MIINA-SAN!

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, YOU SHOULD HURRY IT'S A THIRD-YEAR STUDENT CALLED HERIKAWA
SHE SHOULD BE IN THE MAN-POWERED PLANE ROOM
I'LL GO NOW.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.
"MADE AT HOME"... HUH?
CRINKLE
CRINKLE
HE'S CHANGED.
...
GLANCE
I'M GOING OUT FOR A MINUTE.
HAVE FUN.
SIP
MAYBE BECAUSE OF THOSE GIRLS HE "MIGHT BE RELATED TO"
CRUNCH
...

I TEND TO GOSSIP.
PLEASE DON'T LET THIS GET OUT.
WELL, YES, IT IS.
IT'S FOR THE GIRLS WHO LIVE IN YOUR HOUSE, ISN'T IT?
HEH
THAT'S TOO BAD. I WAS GOING TO RECOM-MEND YOU TO SOME-ONE.
REALLY?!
...
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME.
SO THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO HELP OUT IN HER PLACE.
BUT SHE'LL BE TAKING ENTRANCE EXAMS THIS YEAR.
A CLOSE FRIEND OF MINE WORKS IN HER FAMILY'S STORE,


SO I'LL BE INTERVIEWING YOU IN HER PLACE
MY NAME IS KAZAMI,
I'M A TEACHER HERE.
カラララ
CREAAAAK
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WAIT.
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SQUEAK
THE PERSON YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO MEET IS SICK.
UM... IS SOMETHING WRONG?
NO, NOTHING AT ALL.

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SHAKE
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SHAKE
I FEEL NERVOUS.
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QUIVER
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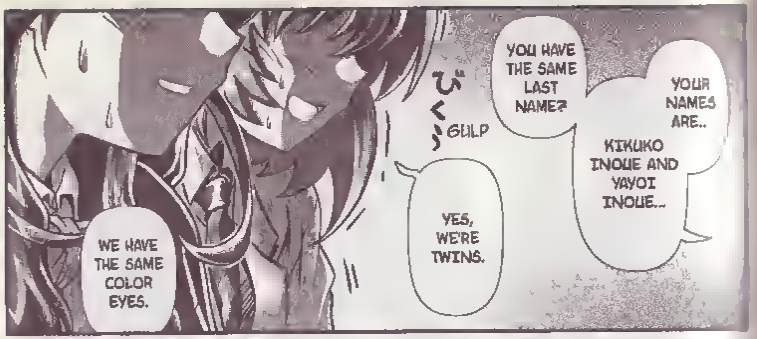
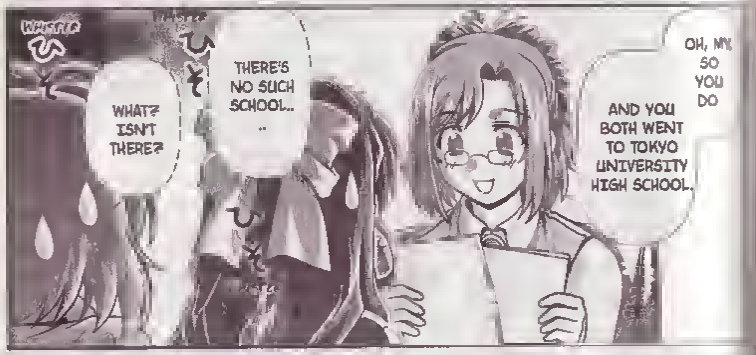
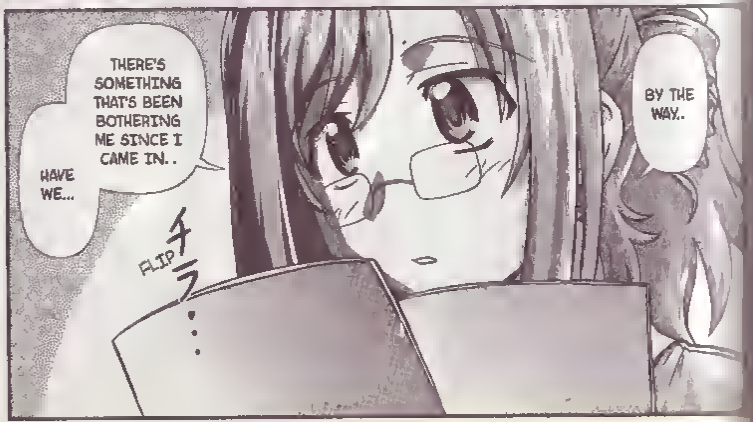
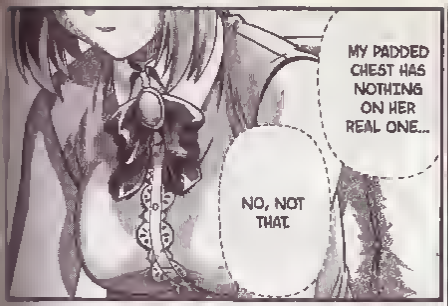
QUIVER
I'M AFRAID BECAUSE THEY'RE PERFECTLY FAKE.
QUIVER
QUIVER
WE'VE MADE IT THIS FAR...
OUR CLOTHES AND RESUMES ARE PERFECT.
QUIVER
IT'S COMMON KNOWLEDGE.
Please calm down.
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT.
I DON'T THINK THAT COMES UNTIL WE'VE BEEN HIRED AND WORKED FOR A PAY PERIOD...
GASP
GASP
GASP
SOON, WE'LL GET PAID
JUST HOLD OUT A BIT LONGER.

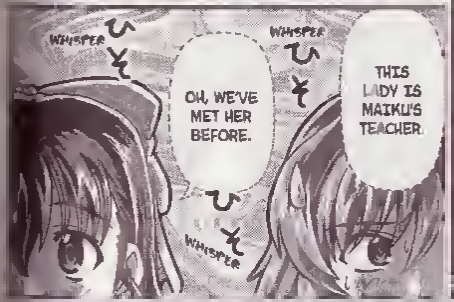

WE HAVE THE SAME COLOR EYES.
YES, WE'RE TWINS.
GULP
YOU HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME?
YOUR NAMES ARE..
KIKUKO INOUE AND YAYOI INOUE...


WHISPER
WHAT? ISN'T THERE?
THERE'S NO SUCH SCHOOL...
..
AND YOU BOTH WENT TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL.
OH, MY, SO YOU DO

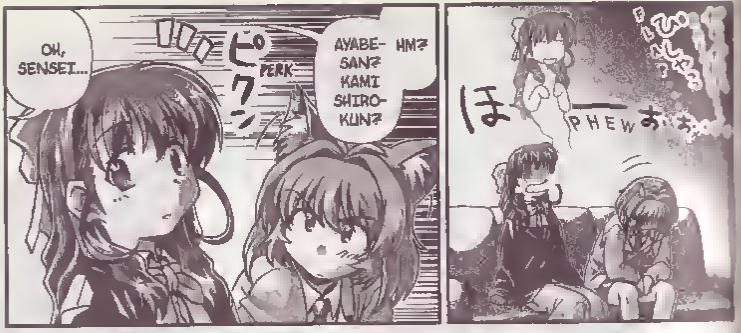

THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME SINCE I CAME IN..
HAVE WE...
FLIP
BY THE WAY..


MY PADDED CHEST HAS NOTHING ON HER REAL ONE...
NO, NOT THAT.

YOU WERE APPLYING TO BE OFFICE CLERKS?
looked over your resumes
THIS IS BAD.
THAT'S FOR SURE.
WHISPER


WHISPER
OH, WE'VE MET HER BEFORE.
THIS LADY IS MAIKU'S TEACHER.

WHICH MEANS...
WE'RE DONE FOR.
I SIGH


OH, SENSEI...
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PERK
AYABE-SAN? KAMI SHIRO-KUN?
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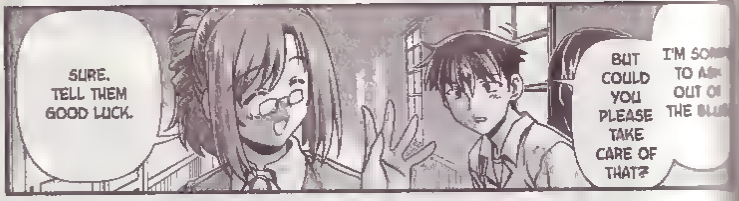
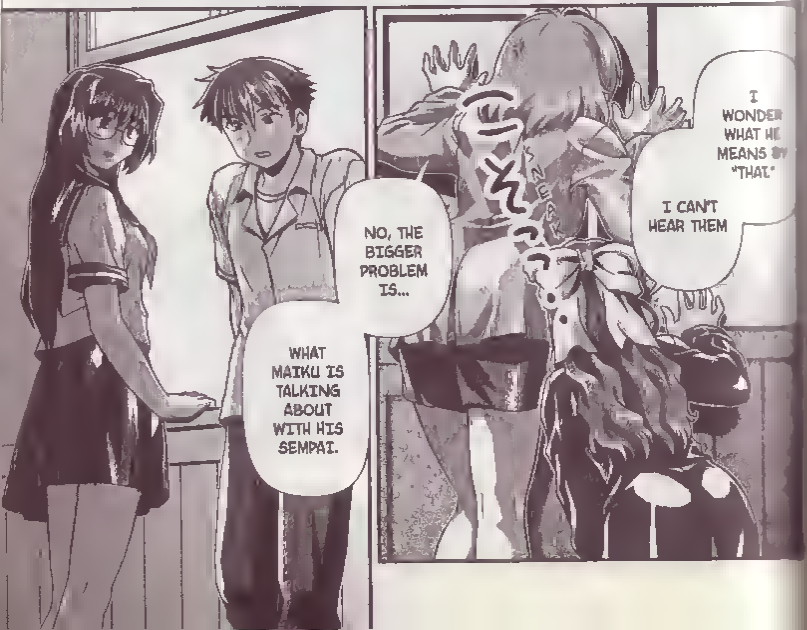

SURE. TELL THEM GOOD LUCK.
BUT COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THAT?
I'M SORRY TO ASK OUT OF THE BLUE


WHAT MAIKU IS TALKING ABOUT WITH HIS SEMPAI.
NO, THE BIGGER PROBLEM IS...
I CAN'T HEAR THEM
I WONDER WHAT HE MEANS BY "THAT."
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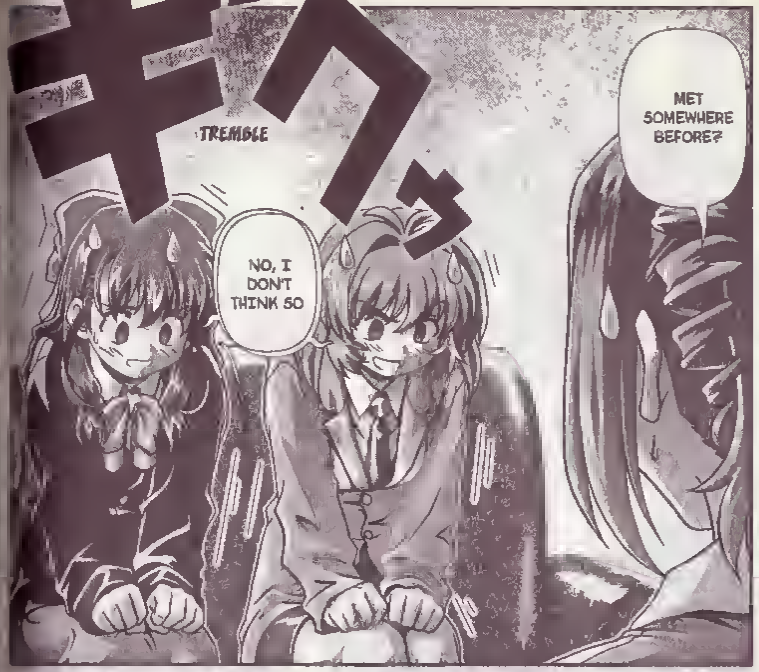
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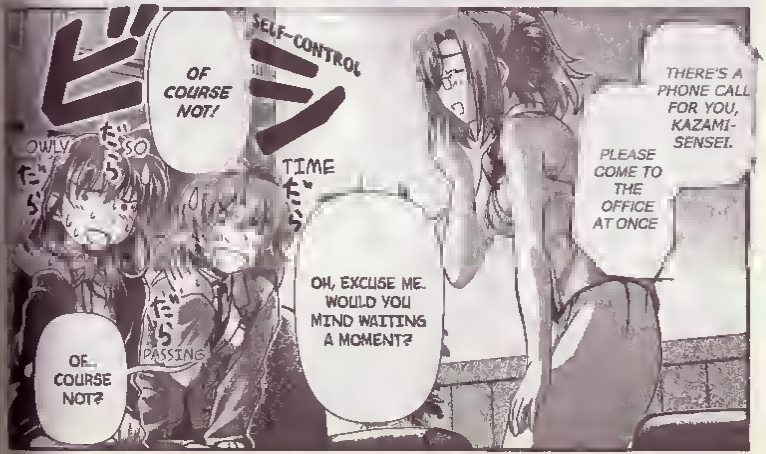
TREMBLE
NO, I DON'T THINK SO
MET SOMEWHERE BEFORE?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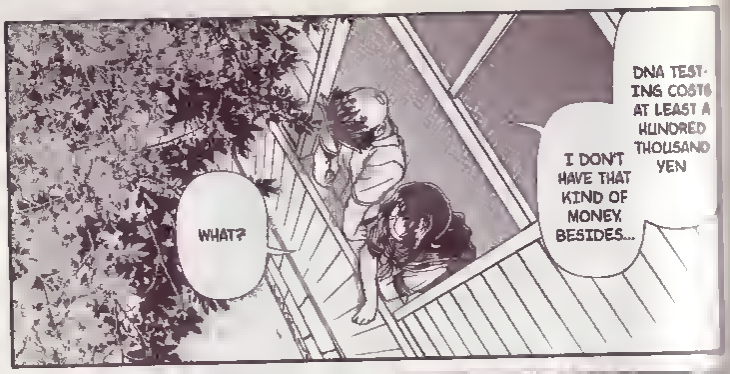
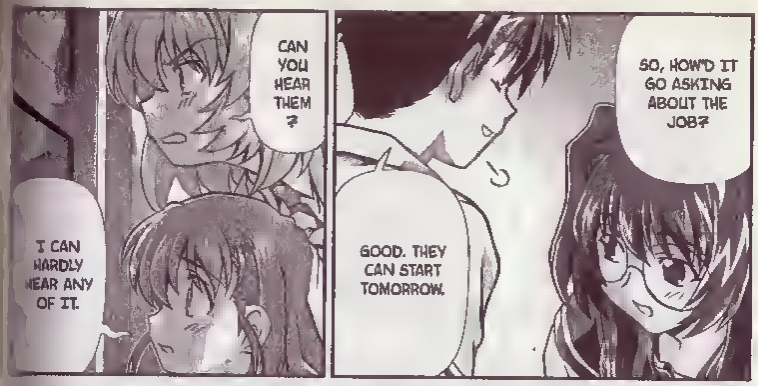
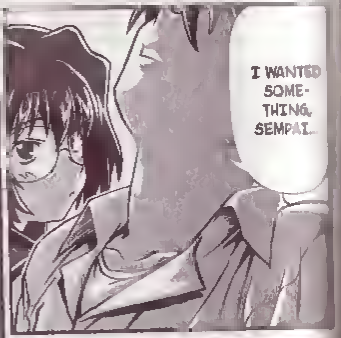
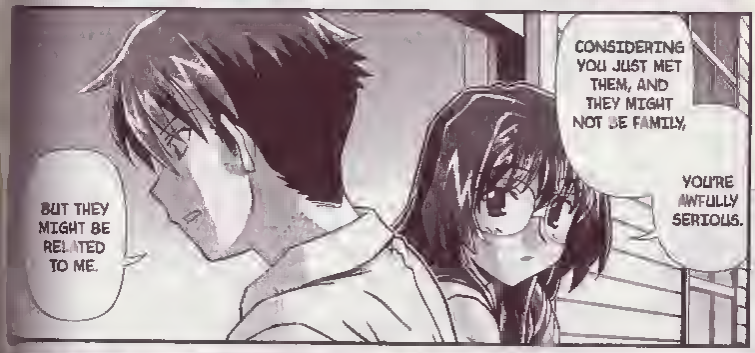
SELF-CONTROL
OF COURSE NOT!
TIME
OWLV
SO
PASSING
OF COURSE NOT?
OH, EXCUSE ME. WOULD YOU MIND WAITING A MOMENT?
PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE AT ONCE
THERE'S A PHONE CALL FOR YOU, KAZAMI-SENSEI.


WHAT?
I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY. BESIDES...
DNA TESTING COSTS AT LEAST A HUNDRED THOUSAND YEN

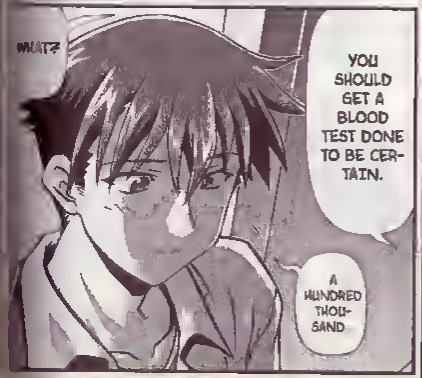

I CAN HARDLY WEAR ANY OF IT.
CAN YOU WEAR THEM?
GOOD. THEY CAN START TOMORROW.
SO, HOW'D IT GO ASKING ABOUT THE JOB?

KAMI SHIRO-KUN...
AND NOW I HAVE IT.


I WANTED SOMETHING, SEMPAI...


BUT THEY MIGHT BE RELATED TO ME.
CONSIDERING YOU JUST MET THEM, AND THEY MIGHT NOT BE FAMILY,
YOU'RE AWFULLY SERIOUS.

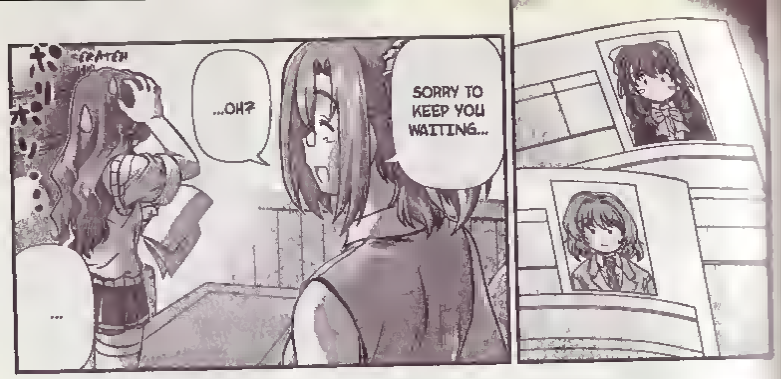
SOMETHING ABOUT "WANTING" SEMPAI...
YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S THAT?


WHAT?
YOU SHOULD GET A BLOOD TEST DONE TO BE CERTAIN.
A HUNDRED THOUSAND

ONE OF THEM MIGHT BE...
BUT IT'S POSSIBLE NEITHER ONE IS.

...
WHOOPS.
HOP
WHO'S THERE?!
SLAM
SHEWEE
FOUND 'EM! THEY WENT OUT THE WINDOW!
STEP
STEP
WEIRD... I WAS SURE THERE WAS SOMEONE.

WIINA-SAN...
ROAR
IMPURE ACTIONS BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITE SEX ARE FORBIDDEN!
STOP!
SCOOT
IT IS FORBIDDEN, ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN!
SHE TALKS FUNNY.
I'VE NEVER HEARD YOUR VOICE BEFORE.
I AM A TEACHER!
WHO'S THERE?
...CRAP.
OBVIOUSLY!
WE'LL HAVE TO REPORT THEM IF THEY'RE TRESPASSING.
LET'S OPEN IT.
IT WAS COMING FROM THIS ROOM.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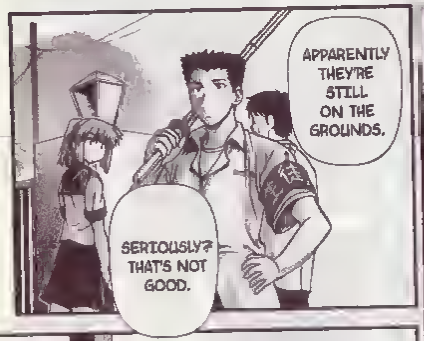
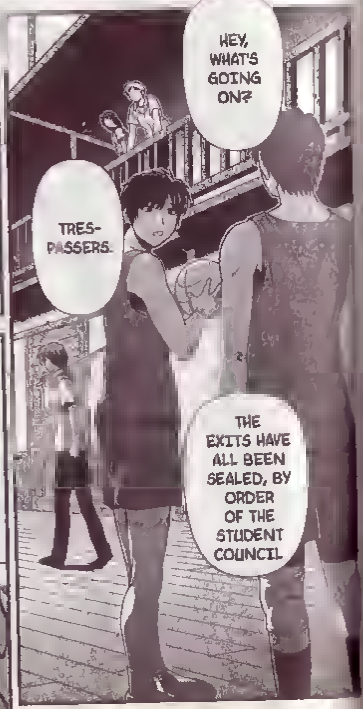
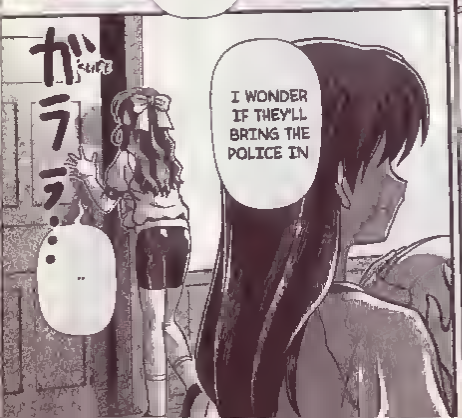
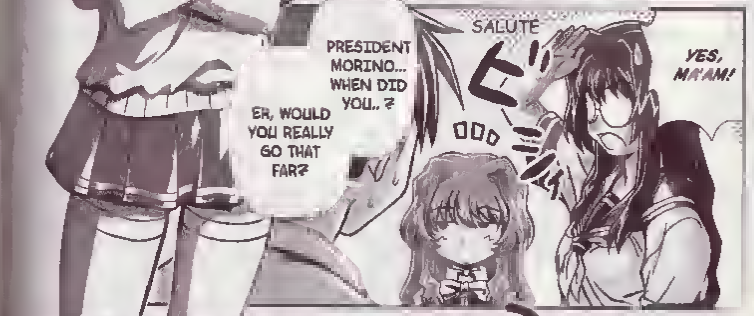
...
...OH?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING...

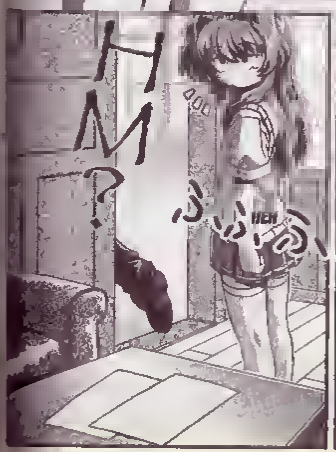

APPARENTLY THEY'RE STILL ON THE GROUNDS.
SERIOUSLY? THAT'S NOT GOOD.


HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
TRES-PASSERS.
THE EXITS HAVE ALL BEEN SEALED, BY ORDER OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL


ガラ...
I WONDER IF THEY'LL BRING THE POLICE IN
..

TO CLOSE OFF THE EXITS.
REPORT IT TO THE DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL, AND WORK WITH THE TEACHERS.
EVEN MORE SUSPICIOUS THAT THEY'D RUN AWAY..
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

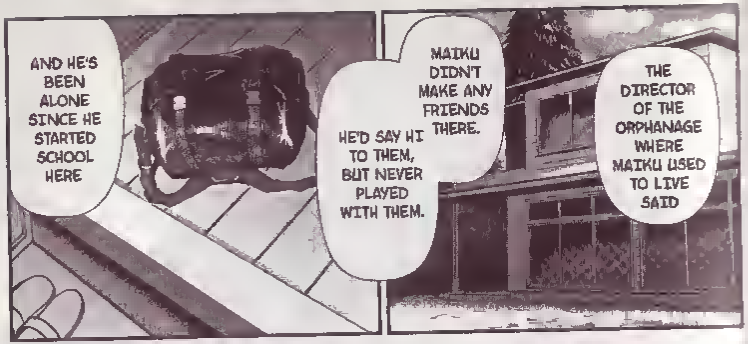

ER, WOULD YOU REALLY GO THAT FAR?
PRESIDENT MORINO... WHEN DID YOU..?
SALUTE
YES, MA'AM!

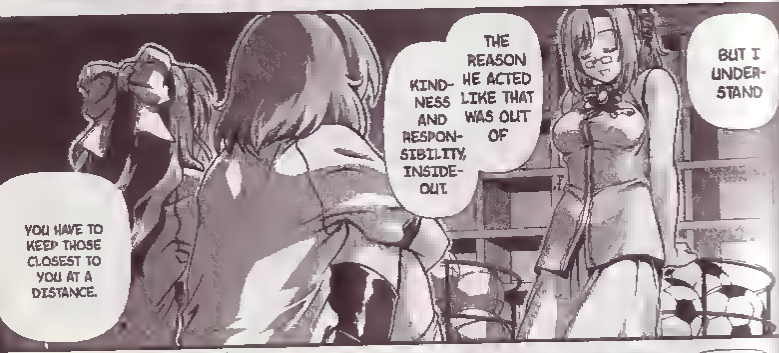

HMM?
HEH

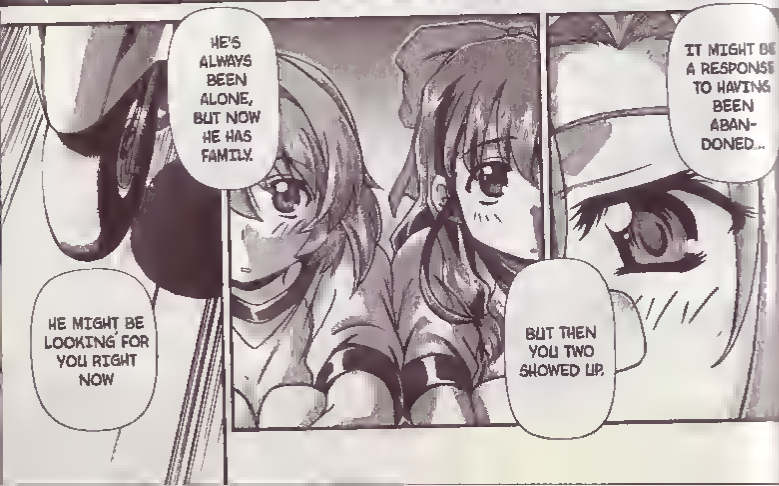
HEH
HEH
HEH
AH, OH..
WE MUST ACT PROMPTLY AND THOROUGHLY.
KAMISHIRO-KUN, YOU SHOULD HELP LOOK FOR THE TRESPASSERS, TOO.

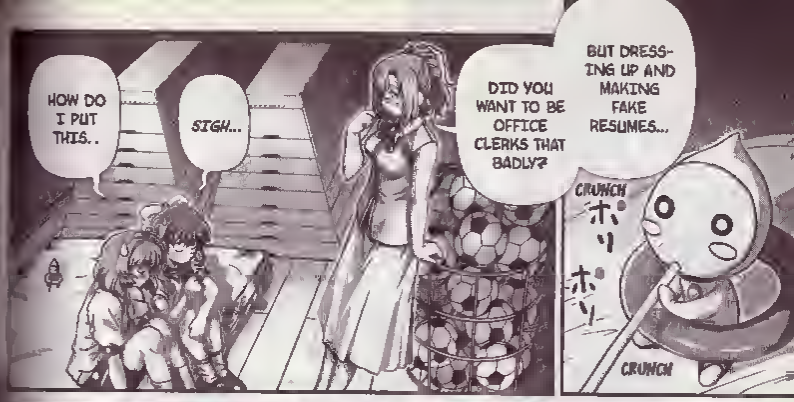
HERE YOU ARE!
STARTLE
OH, MARIE-SAN.
IT'S YOU!
WHOOOOSH
WHAT?
BUT WE HAVEN'T CAUGHT THE TRESPASSERS YET!
AND I'D RATHER GO. PRESIDENT SORRY. MORINO SAID I COULD GO SINCE I HAVE THE JOB THING.
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO HELP LOOK, KAMISHIRO-KUN?
SIGH...
THE TRESPASSERS DON'T REALLY MATTER ANYMORE...
YEP.
SEE YA.
ARE THOSE GIRLS THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

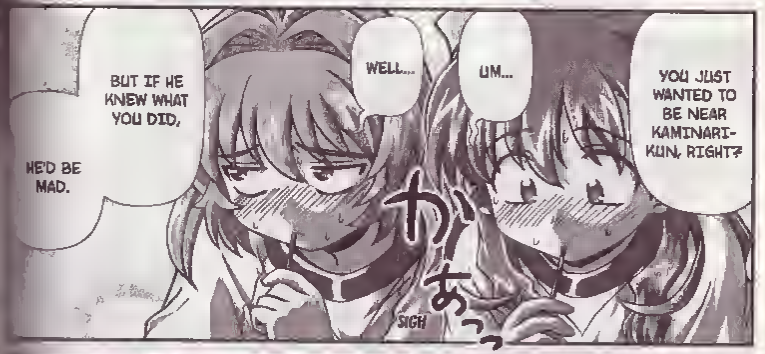
I BROUGHT A SET FOR YOU, TOO.
I THOUGHT I'D BLEND IN BETTER IN THIS.
KAREN, WHY ARE YOU WEARING THAT?
THE WHOLE SCHOOL'S IN AN UPROAR.
I JUST PULLED IT BECAUSE I HAVEN'T BEEN EXERCISING.
OH, NO IT'S FINE.
DOES YOUR LEG STILL HURT?
DON'T SAY THAT, MIINA-SAN.
YEAH, THAT'S A CRIME.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT. I TOOK THESE CLOTHES, TOO.
BUT NOW WE LOOK LIKE CRIMI-NALS.
I'M SORRY... I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET US JOBS.
NOOOOO
NOOOOO

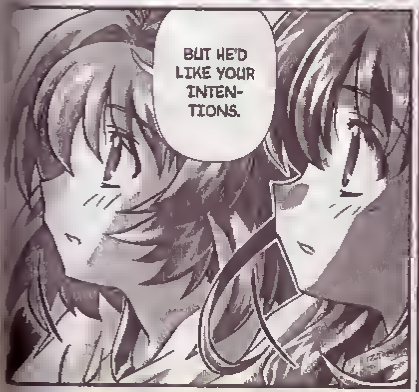

AND HE'S BEEN ALONE SINCE HE STARTED SCHOOL HERE
HE'D SAY HI TO THEM, BUT NEVER PLAYED WITH THEM.
MAIKU DIDN'T MAKE ANY FRIENDS THERE.
THE DIRECTOR OF THE ORPHANAGE WHERE MAIKU USED TO LIVE SAID

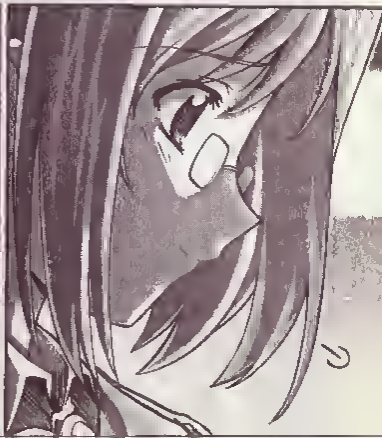

YOU HAVE TO KEEP THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU AT A DISTANCE.
KINDNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY, INSIDE-OUT.
THE REASON HE ACTED LIKE THAT WAS OUT OF
BUT I UNDERSTAND

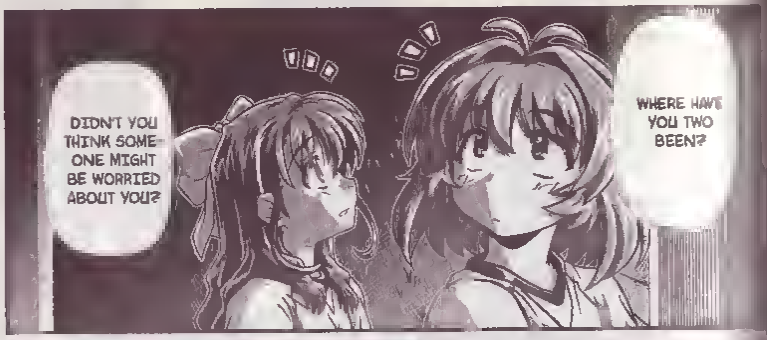

HE MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR YOU RIGHT NOW
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN ALONE, BUT NOW HE HAS FAMILY.
BUT THEN YOU TWO SHOWED UP.
IT MIGHT BE A RESPONSE TO HAVING BEEN ABANDONED...


HOW DO I PUT THIS..
SIGH...
DID YOU WANT TO BE OFFICE CLERKS THAT BADLY?
BUT DRESSING UP AND MAKING FAKE RESUMES...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

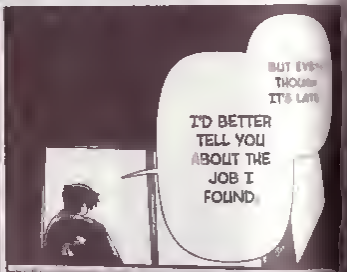

BUT IF HE KNEW WHAT YOU DID,
HE'D BE MAD.
WELL...
UM...
YOU JUST WANTED TO BE NEAR KAMINARI-KUN, RIGHT?
SIGH


BUT HE'D LIKE YOUR INTENTIONS.

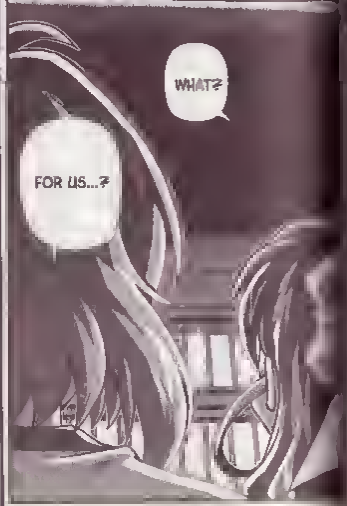



DIDN'T YOU THINK SOMEONE MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU?
WHERE HAVE YOU TWO BEEN?

I TOLD THEM ABOUT OUR SITUATION.
YEAH CASHIERS AT THE HERIKAWA STORE.


BUT EVEN THOUGH IT'S LATE
I'D BETTER TELL YOU ABOUT THE JOB I FOUND.

HE TALKS ROUGH, BUT
KAMISHIRO-KUN DID TAKE YOU IN, RIGHT?
AND YOU BOTH CAN COME TO SCHOOL IN THE DAYTIME
YOU WON'T HAVE TIME TO GET INTO TROUBLE.


WHAT?
FOR US...?

HE'S NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOU

HIS SCOOTER'S HERE.
RATTLE
RATTLE
THE FRONT DOOR'S LOCKED.
AND THE LIGHT'S ON. MAIKU, ARE YOU THERE?

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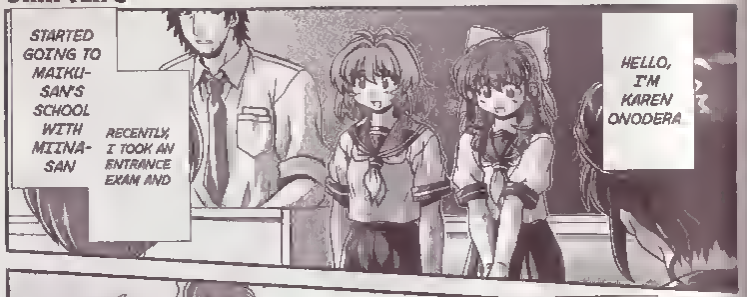
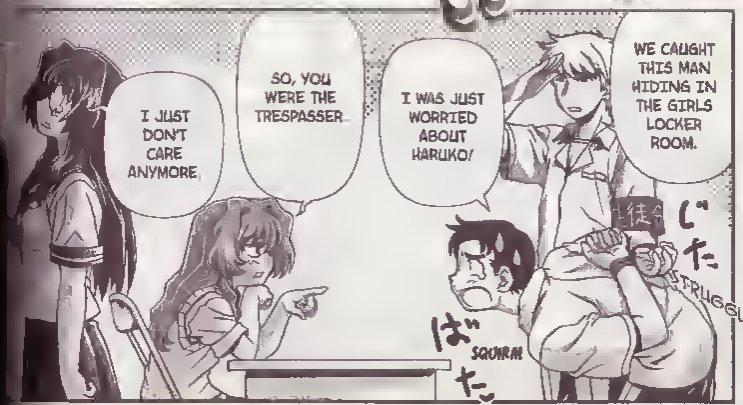

STARTED GOING TO MAIKU-SAN'S SCHOOL WITH MIINA-SAN
RECENTLY, I TOOK AN ENTRANCE EXAM AND
HELLO, I'M KAREN ONODERA

EVERY-ONE IN MY CLASS IS NICE AND I AM ENJOY-ING IT.
I WISH I WERE IN THE SAME CLASS AS MAIKU-SAN, BUT

AND IT'S PRETTY TOUGH, BUT MIINA-SAN IS WITH ME, SO IT'S OK.
I HAVE A LOT TO LEARN.
EVENINGS, I WORK AT THE HERIKAWA STORE

WITH SCHOOL AND WORK, THERE'S NO TIME FOR MUCH ELSE.
BUT THIS SIMPLE LIFE IS IMPORTANT TO ME
KAREN ?
HEY, KAREN!
HELLO! KAREN!

WHAT ARE YOU WEAR-ING?!
SLIP
I'M SORRY WE MADE YOU WORRY
MAIKU, THANKS FOR HELPING.
UH... THIS...
THIS IS... WELL...
YOU TWO HAVE OPENED UP A DOOR INSIDE HIM...


I JUST DON'T CARE ANYMORE.
SO, YOU WERE THE TRESPASSER.
I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT HARUKO!
WE CAUGHT THIS MAN HIDING IN THE GIRLS LOCKER ROOM.
SQUIRM
STRUGGLE

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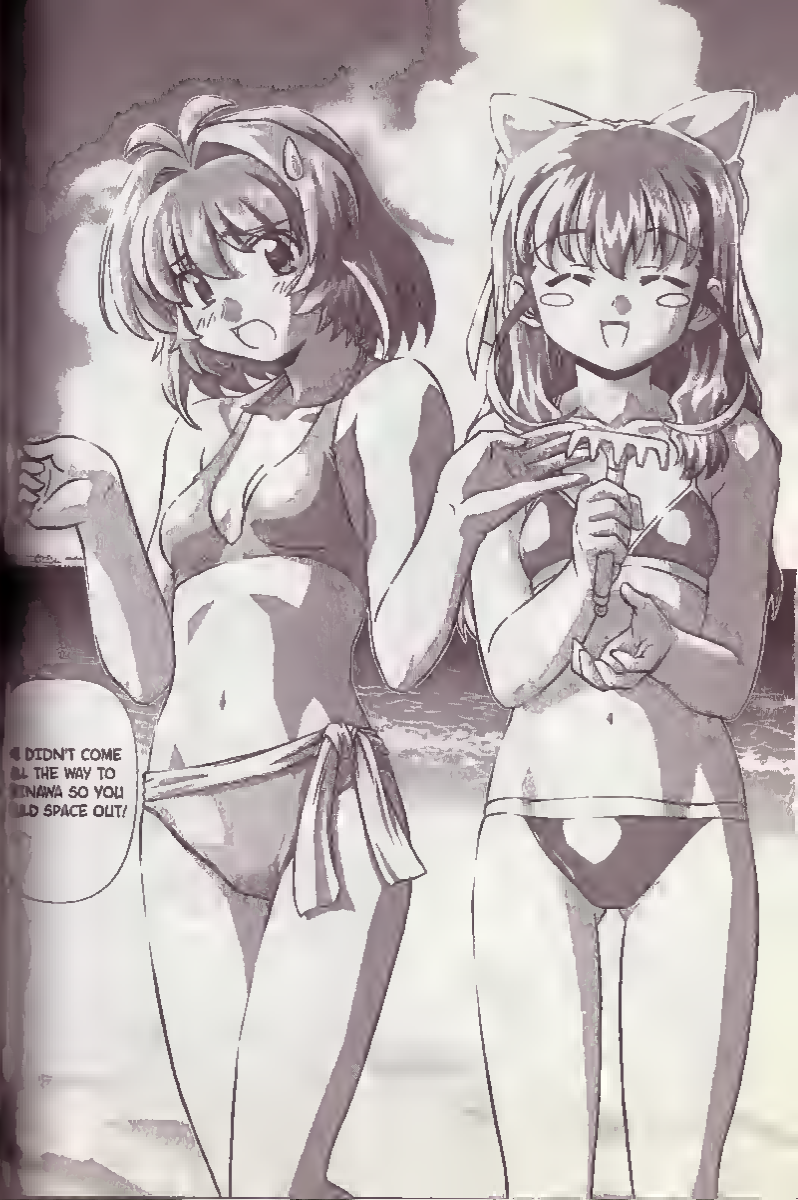
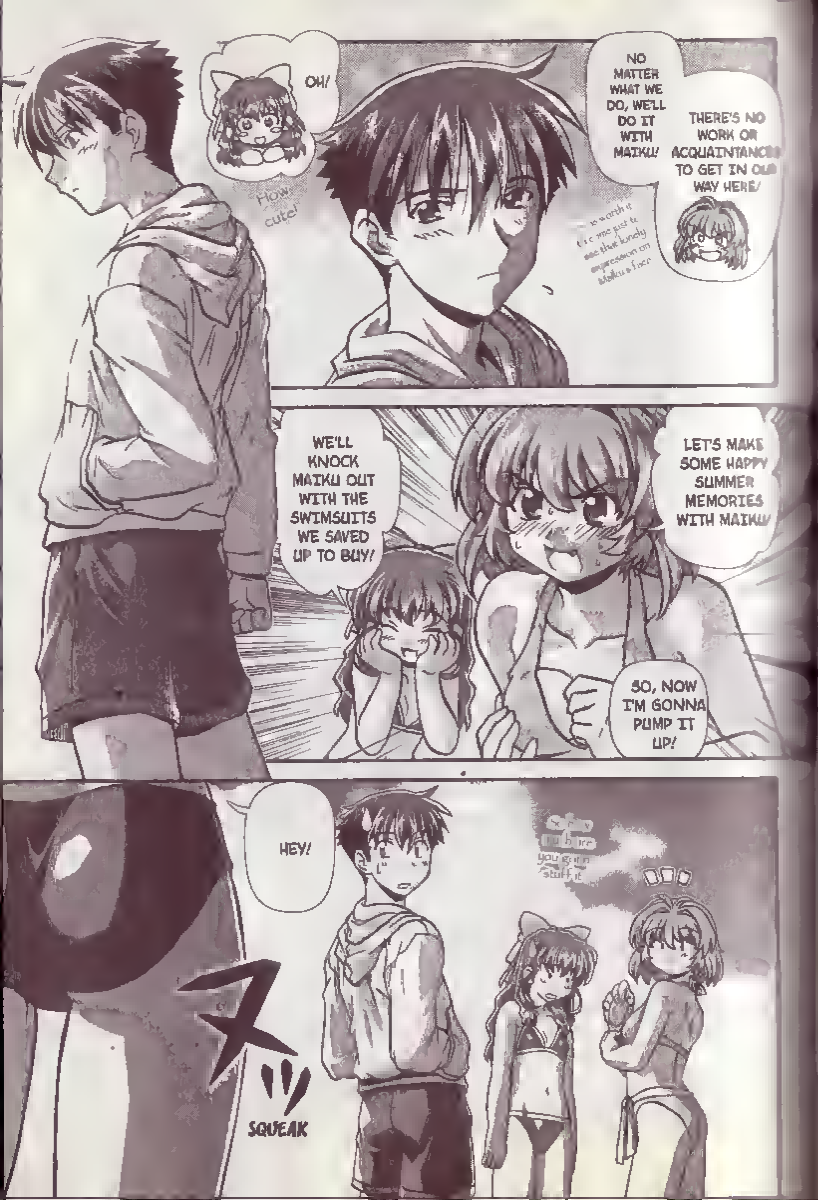
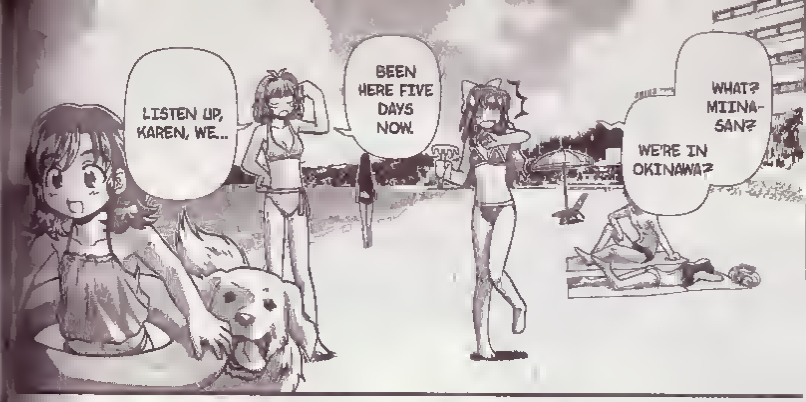
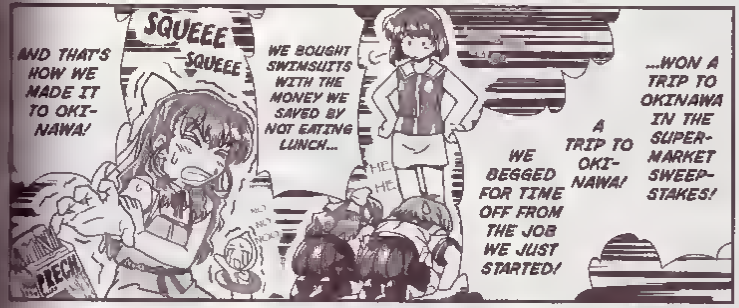
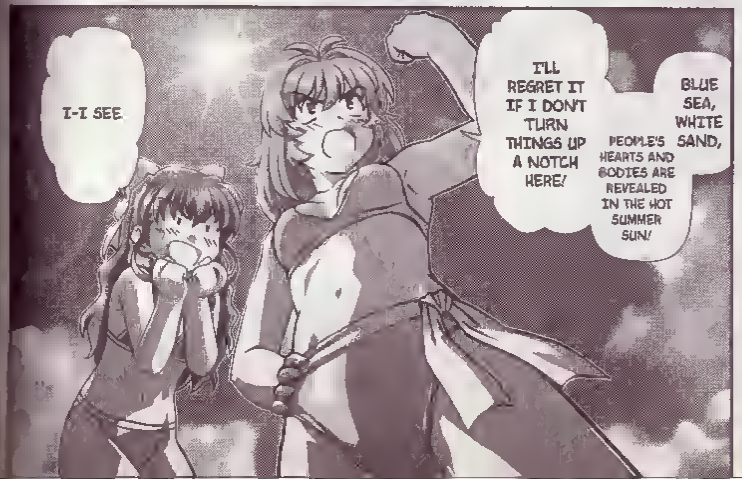
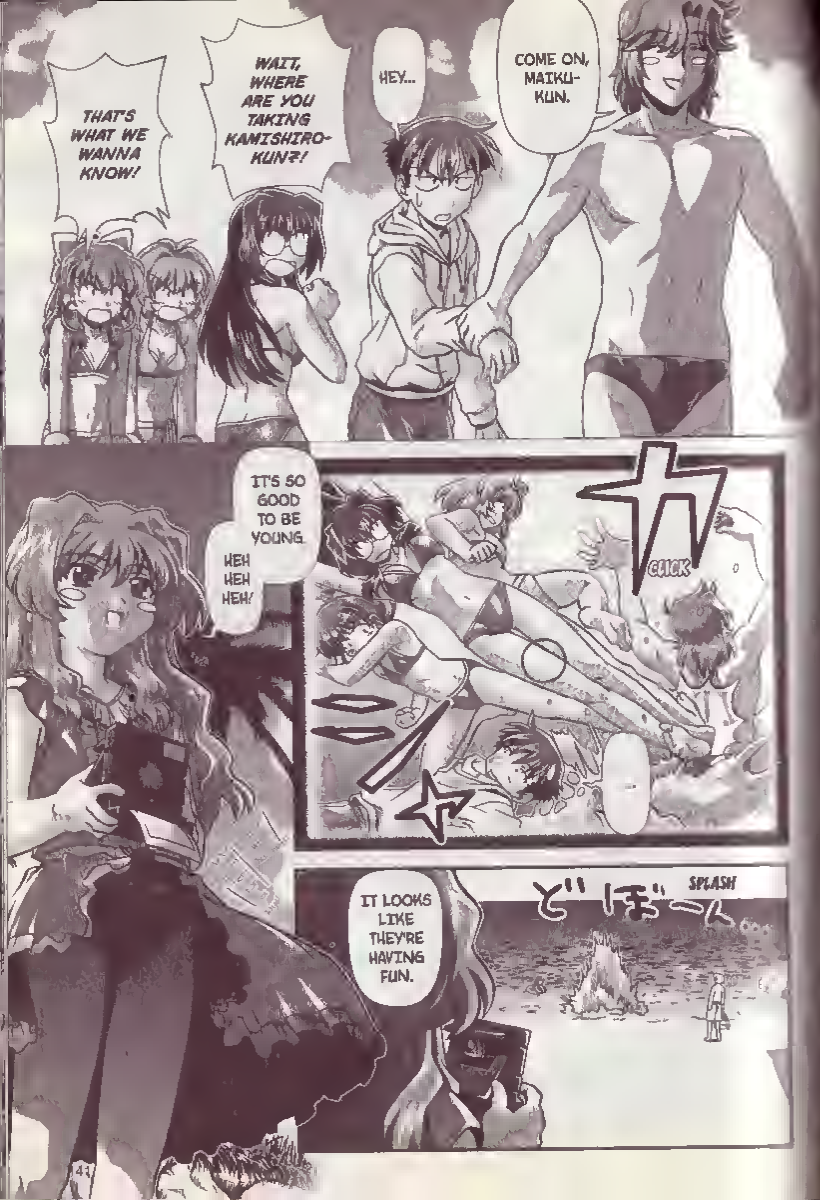

I DIDN'T COME
ALL THE WAY TO
OKINAWA SO YOU
COULD SPACE OUT!


OH!
How cute!
NO MATTER WHAT WE DO, WE'LL DO IT WITH MAIKU!
THERE'S NO WORK OR ACQUAINTANCES TO GET IN OUR WAY HERE!
It's worth it if it's for me just to see that lonely expression on Maiku's face
WE'LL KNOCK MAIKU OUT WITH THE SWIMSUITS WE SAVED UP TO BUY!
LET'S MAKE SOME HAPPY SUMMER MEMORIES WITH MAIKU!
SO, NOW I'M GONNA PUMP IT UP!
HEY!
Stop that! You're not allowed to touch it
SQUEAK


LISTEN UP, KAREN, WE...
BEEN HERE FIVE DAYS NOW.
WHAT? MIINA-SAN?
WE'RE IN OKINAWA?


AND THAT'S HOW WE MADE IT TO OKI-NAWA!
SQUEEE
SQUEEE
WE BOUGHT SWIMSUITS WITH THE MONEY WE SAVED BY NOT EATING LUNCH...
HE HE
WE BEGGED FOR TIME OFF FROM THE JOB WE JUST STARTED!
A TRIP TO OKI-NAWA!
...WON A TRIP TO OKINAWA IN THE SUPER-MARKET SWEEP-STAKES!
PRCH


I-I SEE
I'LL REGRET IT IF I DON'T TURN THINGS UP A NOTCH HERE!
BLUE SEA, WHITE SAND,
PEOPLE'S HEARTS AND BODIES ARE REVEALED IN THE HOT SUMMER SUN!

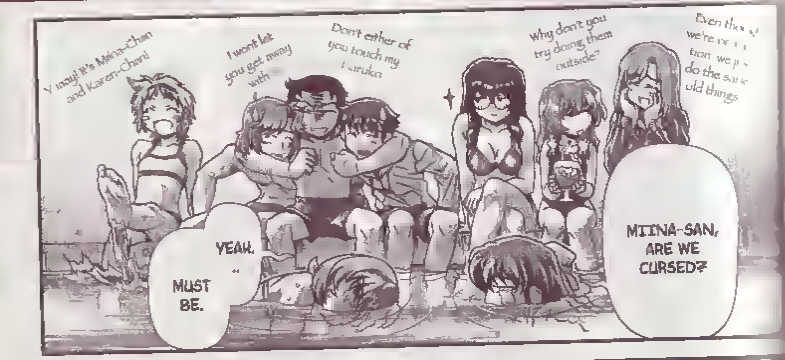

THAT'S WHAT WE WANNA KNOW!
WAIT, WHERE ARE YOU TAKING KAMISHIRO-KUN?!
HEY...
COME ON, MAIKU-KUN.
IT'S SO GOOD TO BE YOUNG.
HEH HEH HEH!
CHICK
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE HAVING FUN.
SPLASH
どぼーん

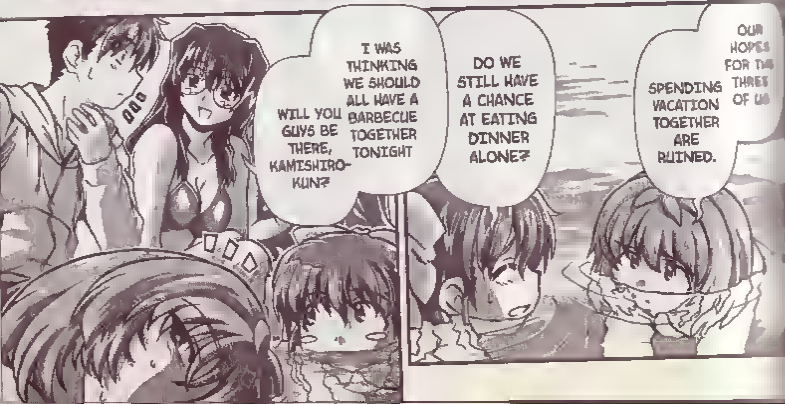
FANCY MEETING YOU HERE, MAIKU-KUN.
KOU-SEI...
OKINAWA SURE IS HOT, MAIKU-KUN
IF THERE ARE LEFTOVERS, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PUT THEM AWAY AND NEXT YEAR!
THERE WERE FUNDS LEFTOVER, SO THE STUDENT COUNCIL DECIDED TO TAKE A TRIP
IT'S NO USE, MIINA-SAN.
YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST HER BREASTS.
KNICK
I CAN'T BE-LIEVE YOU'D USE THAT MONEY FOR YOURSELF!

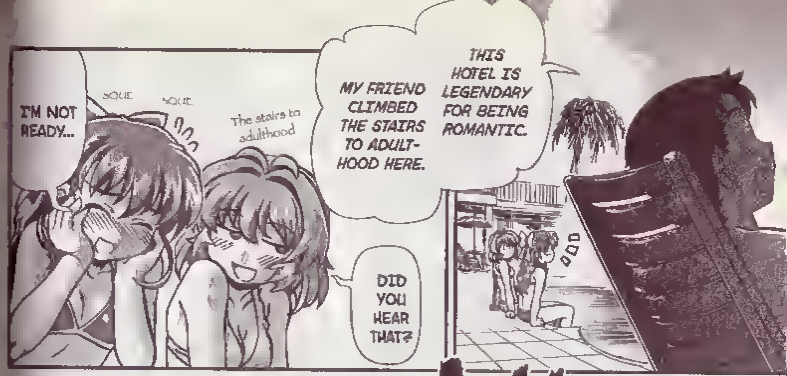
WE CAN WEAR OUR SWIMSUITS HERE.
THERE'S A POOL IN THE COURTYARD
JUST WHAT I EXPECTED FROM A RESORT HOTEL!
SPLASH
HE SAID HE'D COME LATER.
Ahhh!
THIS TIME I'LL WOW HIM FOR SURE!
SO, WHERE'S MAIKU?
THIS IS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.

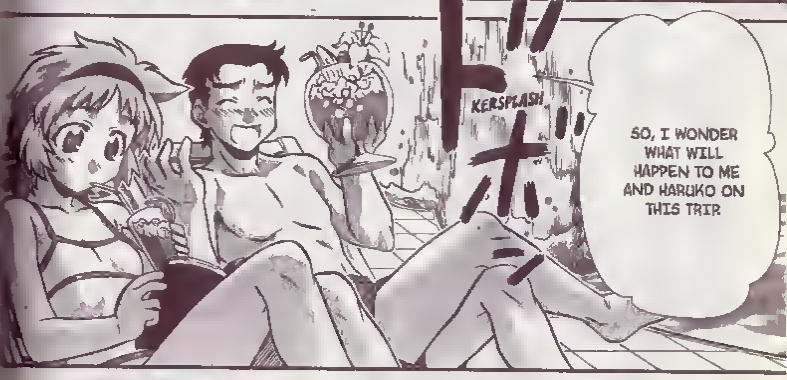
THAT'S GOOD
MM WHAT A NICE VIEW!
WOW! WHAT A NICE ROOM.
Maiku's diary in a world apart
WELL, THIS'LL BE A FUN VACATION MEMORY.
SORRY. I TOLD THEM WE WERE A FAMILY WHEN I MADE THE RESERVATION.
ARE WE ALL THREE SHARING A ROOM?
MINA-SAN, LOOK
IF WE LEAVE THE HOTEL, THEY MIGHT FIND US AGAIN
SIGH
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE RAN INTO PEOPLE WE KNOW IN OKINAWA.
BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE FUN TOGETHER..
BOYS AND GIRLS IN A ROOM TOGETHER..
FUN VACA-TION
もん WORRY
もん WORRY
もん WORRY
もん WORRY

WHAT A FUNNY COINCI-DENCE. WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME HOTEL.
I JUST MET EVERYONE.
KAREN-SAN AND MIINA-SAN,
OH, MY.
PLOP
LET'S GO!
SHE'S BIG-GER...
SPLASH

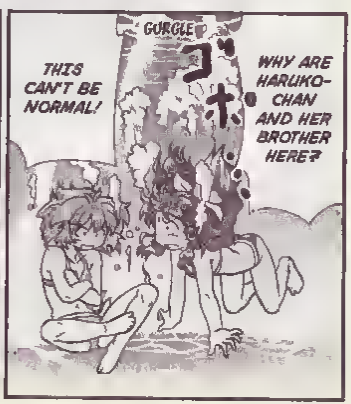

Yaaay! It's Miina-chan and Karen-Chan!
I won't let you get away with
Don't either of you touch my Haruko
Why don't you try doing them outside?
Even though we're not in the mood, we'll do the same old things
YEAH. MUST BE.
MIINA-SAN, ARE WE CURSED?


WILL YOU GUYS BE THERE, KAMISHIRO-KUN?
I WAS THINKING WE SHOULD ALL HAVE A BARBECUE TOGETHER TONIGHT
DO WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE AT EATING DINNER ALONE?
SPENDING VACATION TOGETHER ARE RUINED.
OUR HOPES FOR THE THREE OF US


I'M NOT READY...
SQUIE
SQUIE
The stairs to adulthood
MY FRIEND CLIMBED THE STAIRS TO ADULT-HOOD HERE.
THIS HOTEL IS LEGENDARY FOR BEING ROMANTIC.
DID YOU HEAR THAT?


KERSPLASH
SO, I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME AND HARUKO ON THIS TRIP

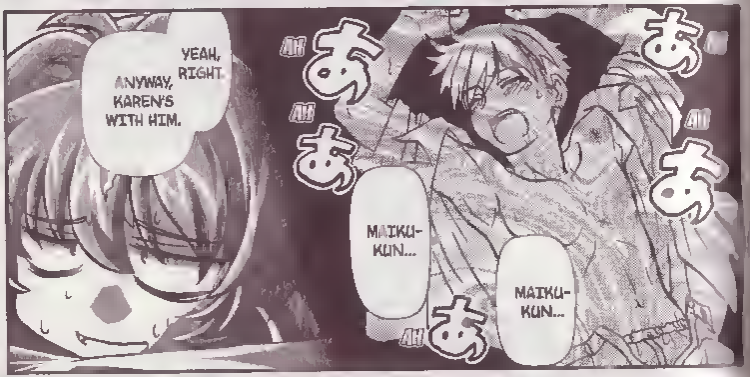
GLUG
BUT, DON'T WORRY, MY CHEST IS BIGGER THAN HARUKO'S!
GLUG
MINE'S HARD TO TELL.
GURGLE
You're stuffing yours


GURGLE
THIS CAN'T BE NORMAL!
WHY ARE HARUKO-CHAN AND HER BROTHER HERE?

CHEERS!
...
...
MIINA-SAN WAS ENJOY-ING...
LEAVE IT.
BUT...
IT DOESN'T MATTER.
But I drink with you
Get on it Shido Kun
wants to eat yakisoba!
YES?
ABOUT THAT, KAREN..
MIINA-SAN WAS ENJOY-ING THE IDEA OF A QUIET VACATION WITH THE THREE OF US
GLUG
ごく..
ちら...

SURE, THAT SOUNDS GOOD.
GLUG
ごぼ
NOOO
GLUG
ごぼ
GLUG
ごぼ
...
MIINA-SAN...
I SAID, I'M NOT GOING!
TURN...
SUIT YOUR-SELF!
WHY'D YOU DECIDE WITHOUT ASKING?!
WE'RE ON THIS VACATION TOGETHER!
WHY ARE YOU SO MAD? IT'LL BE MORE FUN WITH EVERYONE THERE!
I'M NOT GOING!
SHAKE
SHAKE
ANYWAY, IT'S AT 7 PM ON THE BEACH.
I'M GOING FOR A WALK, THEN STRAIGHT TO IT
AH... MAIKU-SAN...
CREAK
カチャ

AWAY FROM HOME, YOU CAN LEAVE YOUR INHIBITIONS BEHIND, MAIKU-KUN.
WHY DO PEOPLE ACT THIS WAY ON VACATION ...
COME ON, KAMI SHIRO-KUN.
IT SEEMS ALMOST A SIN TO WEAR CLOTHES ON A NIGHT AS PERFECT AS THIS.


YEAH, RIGHT. ANYWAY, KAREN'S WITH HIM.
AH
MAIKU-KUN...
MAIKU-KUN...

THEY WERE HERE UNTIL JUST A MINUTE AGO

I GUESS I'LL SEE HOW THEY'RE DOING.
DOUBT
むく…

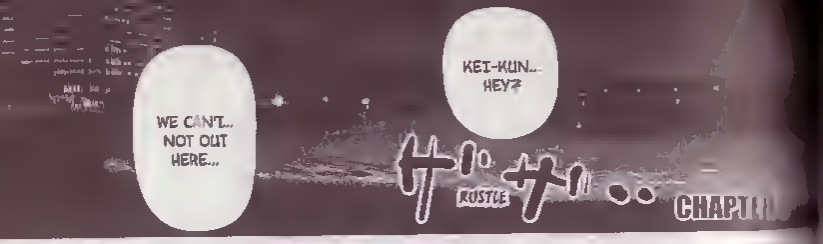
GROAN
うう…

...
YOU GONNA DRINK THIS?
SWOON
DIZZY

POOF
WHY ...
WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE, ALONE...
GRAB
FLOP

STUPID MAIKU!
SLAM

...RE THE ...E WHO ... THEM ...IND TO ...E HERE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. THERE'S NO ONE HERE BUT US, THE SEA, AND THE STARS...
WHERE ARE MIINA AND KAREN?
SNIFF


KEI-KUN... HEY?
WE CAN'T... NOT OUT HERE...
ガサガサ..
RUSTLE
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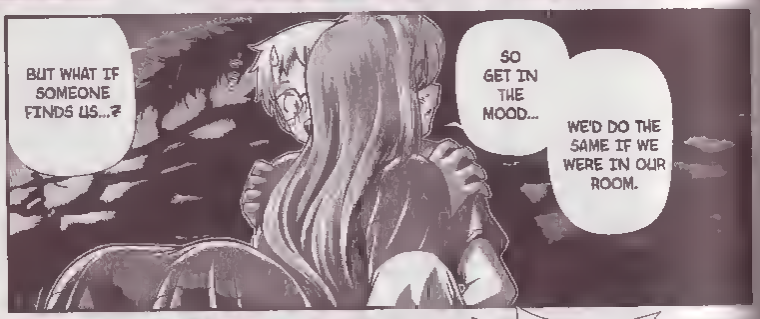
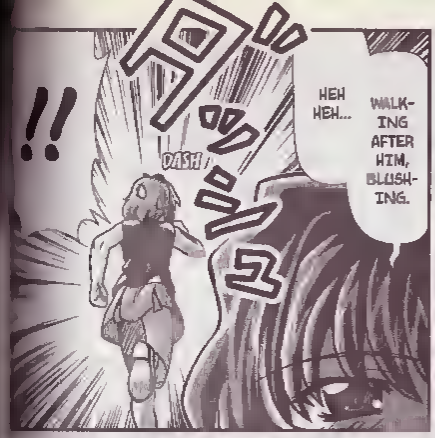

BUT WHAT IF SOMEONE FINDS US...?
SO GET IN THE MOOD...
WE'D DO THE SAME IF WE WERE IN OUR ROOM.

ER..
SORRY, I THOUGHT YOU WERE SOMEONE ELSE.
?!
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
ビクゥ
SHOCK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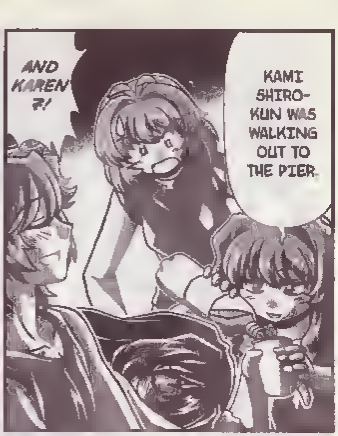
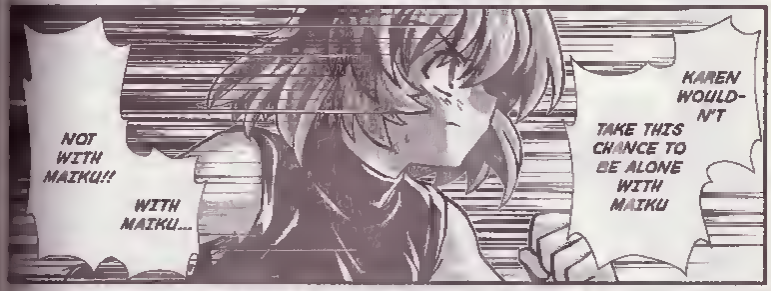
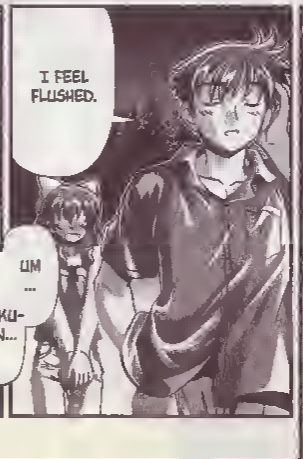
DASH!
HEH HEH...
WALKING AFTER HIM, BLUSHING.


AND KAREN ?!
KAMI SHIRO-KUN WAS WALKING OUT TO THE PIER.


NOT WITH MAIKU!!
WITH MAIKU...
KAREN WOULD-N'T TAKE THIS CHANCE TO BE ALONE WITH MAIKU

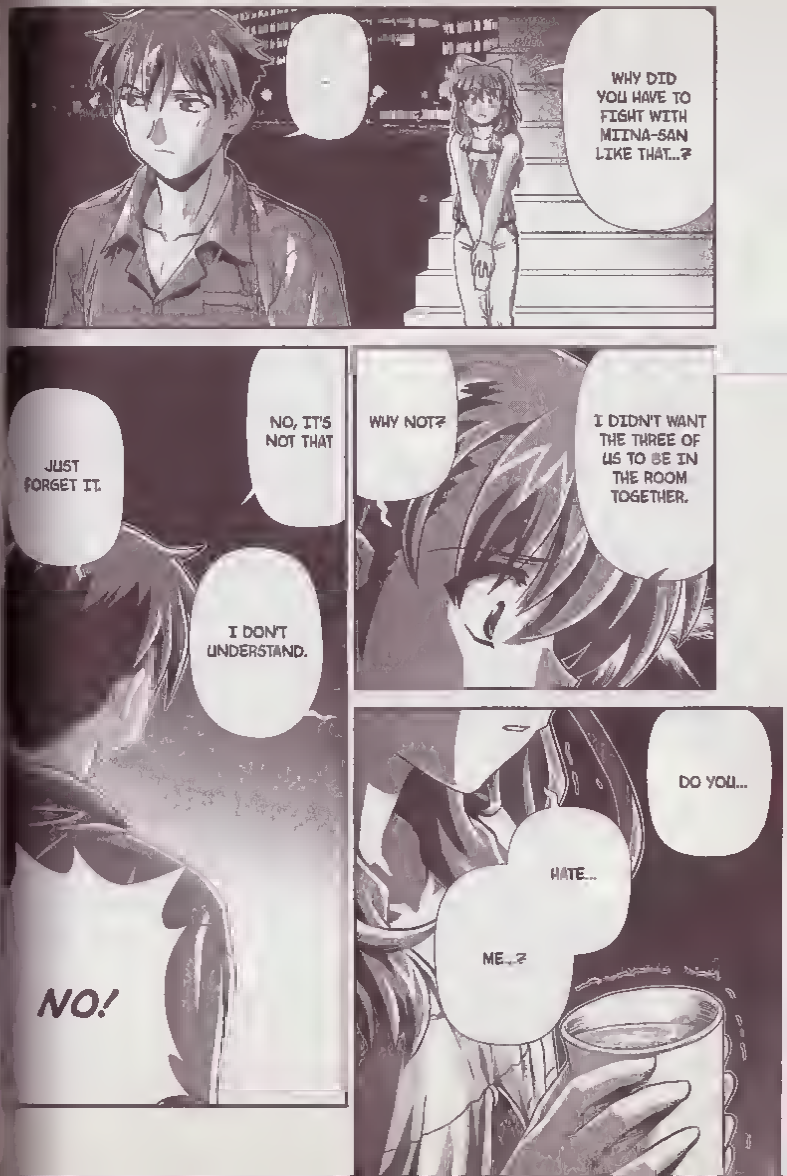
UM ... MAIKU-SAN...


I FEEL FLUSHED.

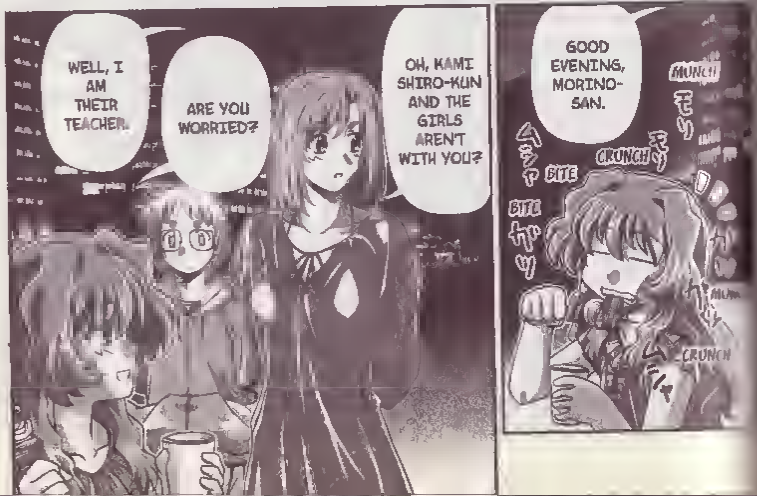
MORINO-SEMPAI'S JUICE IS STARTING TO AFFECT ME.

MAIKU-SAN...
LET'S GO BACK TO THE OTHERS.
I'M NOT USED TO THEM LIKE THAT.
I DON'T LIKE IT.
CHAPTER 7
WHERE COULD MAIKU AND KAREN BE?
MI-MIYAFUJI-SAN...?

I TOLD YOU NOT TO DRINK IT...
ぷはーっ
DRUNK
...NO...
TELL ME.
DROP
コン・・
ぎくっ
SHOCK
HEY!
TRIP
BUT WHAT YOU SAID...
TELL ME...
WHY...
I-I CAN'T...
ぐいっ
PUSH


WHY DID YOU HAVE TO FIGHT WITH MIINA-SAN LIKE THAT...?
NO, IT'S NOT THAT
JUST FORGET IT.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
NO!
WHY NOT?
I DIDN'T WANT THE THREE OF US TO BE IN THE ROOM TOGETHER.
DO YOU...
HATE...
ME...?

AH!
DON'T WORRY I'M FINE AS LONG AS I DON'T FALL INTO THE OCEAN--
I GUESS I OVERDID IT
DID YOU HURT YOUR LEG?
I-
I'M FINE!
THIS HAPPENS ALL THE TIME.

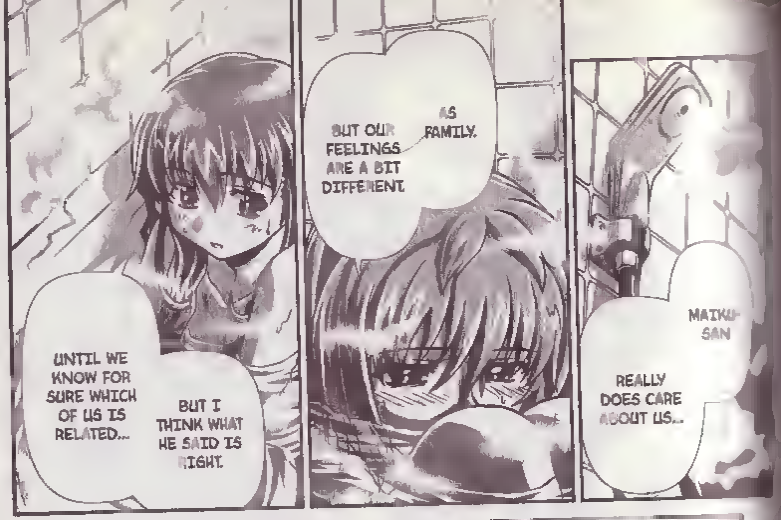

WELL, I AM THEIR TEACHER.
ARE YOU WORRIED?
OH, KAMI SHIRO-KUN AND THE GIRLS AREN'T WITH YOU?
GOOD EVENING, MORINO-SAN.
MUNCH!
CRUNCH!
BITE
BITE
CRUNCH

DON'T JUST SHOW UP AND MISINTERPRET THIS...
I'M GOING BACK TO THE ROOM.
MAIKU... I..
WHAT WERE YOU GONNA DO ONCE YOU GOT KAREN DRUNK?
NO, NO, YOU CAME AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME.
IX MORINO-SEMPAI...
IF YOU DIDN'T WANT US THREE TO BE TOGETHER...
YOU MEAN, I WAS IN THE WAY?

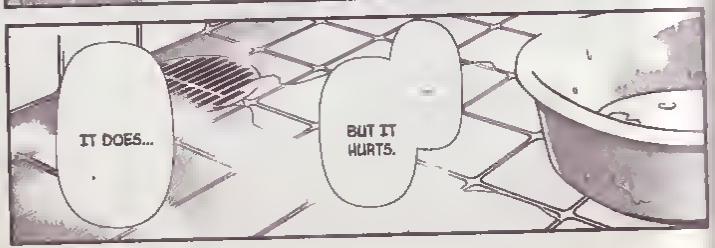
THUD
TWIST
AH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
WHAT IS GOING ON?
SPIN

I'M FINE. I CAN WALK NOW.
JUST HOLD ON
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU FELL IN
ACTUALLY, HE SAYS THERE'S ANOTHER REASON.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'D RATHER BE WITH YOUR SEMPAI FRIENDS...
YOU'RE STILL NOT STEADY SO JUST LET ME CARRY YOU.
STOMP
BECAUSE
AND HE WAS ABOUT TO TELL ME..
HOW 'BOUT IT, MAIKU?
STOMP
STOMP

IT'S FROM THE GROCERY STORE WHERE HYOSUKE-KUN GOES.
THEY WERE JUST DRINKING JUICE
SIP
I'M WORRIED ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE TO EVERYONE HERE.
BUT AS A TEACHER ...
DRUNK
NO SISTER
LOVE
BUT THE OTHERS MIGHT NOT BE
SHIDO-KUN WILL BE FINE,
THAT'S FINE?!
THIS IS FINE?
HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT IT?
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT HOW TO SETTLE THIS...

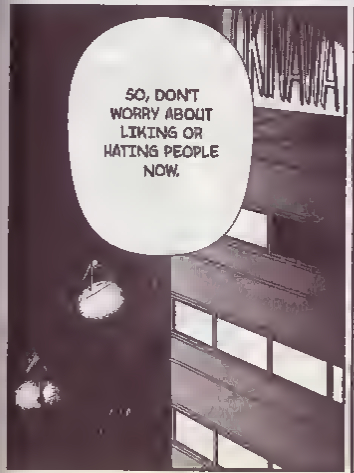

UNTIL WE KNOW FOR SURE WHICH OF US IS RELATED...
BUT I THINK WHAT HE SAID IS RIGHT.
BUT OUR FEELINGS ARE A BIT DIFFERENT.
AS FAMILY.
MAIKU-SAN
REALLY DOES CARE ABOUT US...

WE CAN ALL LIVE TOGETHER.
YEAH, I DON'T WANT TO WORRY MAIKU.
I CAN LIVE WITH YOU AND MAIKU AS FAMILY.


IT DOES...
BUT IT HURTS.

EVEN THOUGH WE MIGHT BE RELATED
BECAUSE WE'RE KIDS, WE CAN'T GET CERTAIN PROOF
BECAUSE I'M A GUY...
IT BOTHERS ME, BEING WITH YOU...

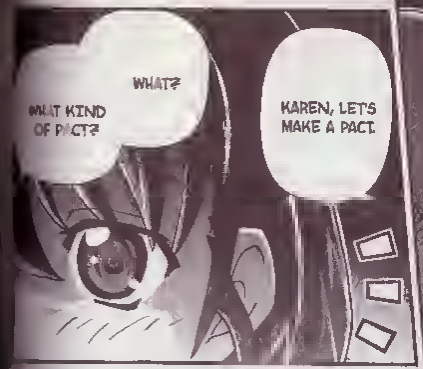
I'M NOT SAYING *THAT.*
YOU... THINK ABOUT US LIKE THAT?
TH-THAT'S...

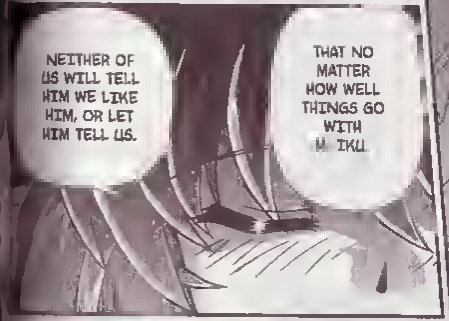

SO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT LIKING OR HATING PEOPLE NOW.

I DON'T KNOW IF WE'D BE ABLE TO KEEP LIVING TOGETHER LIKE THIS.
IF THINGS BETWEEN US BECAME AWKWARD,

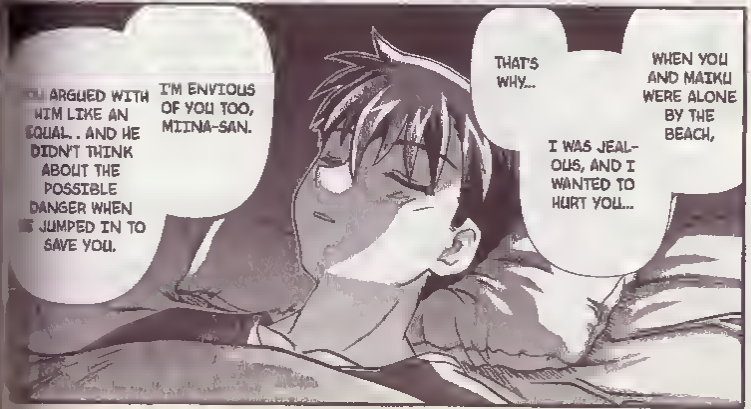
WE LIKE MAIKU AND...
WANT TO LIVE WITH HIM TOGETHER...
UNDER OUR LOVE PACT.

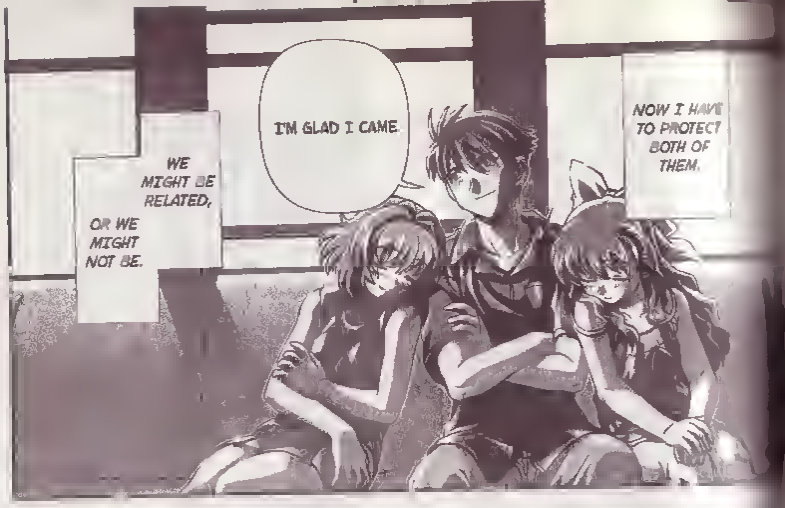
IF YOU REALLY UNDERSTOOD, YOU'D SLEEP IN YOUR OWN BEDS.

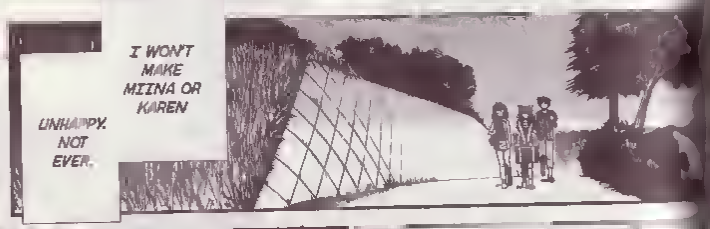

KAREN, LET'S MAKE A PACT.
WHAT?
WHAT KIND OF PACT?

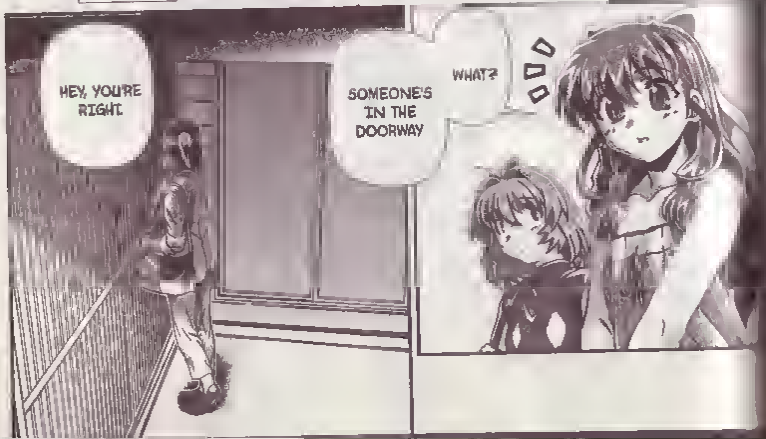

THAT NO MATTER HOW WELL THINGS GO WITH MAIKU,
NEITHER OF US WILL TELL HIM WE LIKE HIM, OR LET HIM TELL US.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I LIKE HIM THIS MUCH...


I'M ENVIOUS OF YOU TOO, MIINA-SAN.
ARGUED WITH HIM LIKE AN EQUAL. . AND HE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THE POSSIBLE DANGER WHEN HE JUMPED IN TO SAVE YOU.
WHEN YOU AND MAIKU WERE ALONE BY THE BEACH,
I WAS JEALOUS, AND I WANTED TO HURT YOU...
THAT'S WHY...

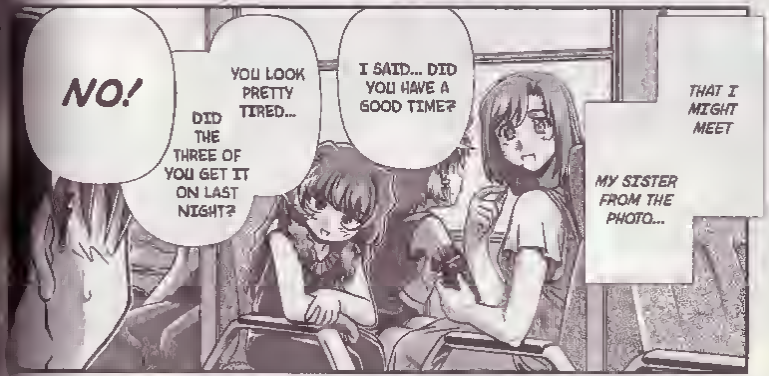

I'M GLAD I CAME.
WE MIGHT BE RELATED, OR WE MIGHT NOT BE.
NOW I HAVE TO PROTECT BOTH OF THEM.

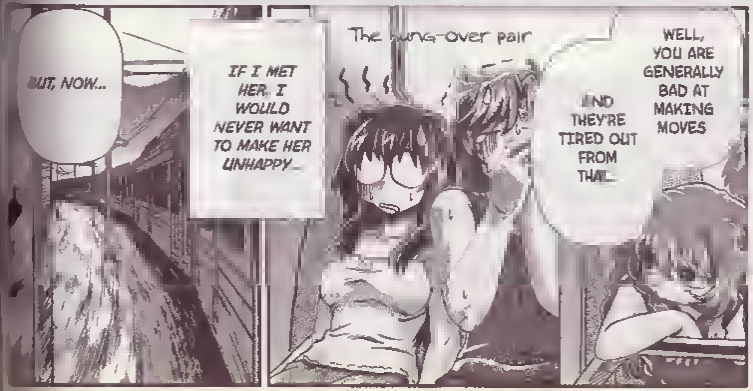

I WON'T MAKE MIINA OR KAREN UNHAPPY. NOT EVER.


HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT.
SOMEONE'S IN THE DOORWAY
WHAT?

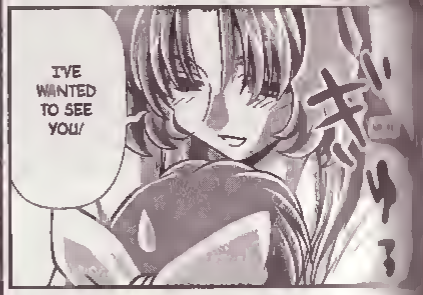
I HAD HOPED WHEN I CAME TO THAT HOUSE...
...HUH?

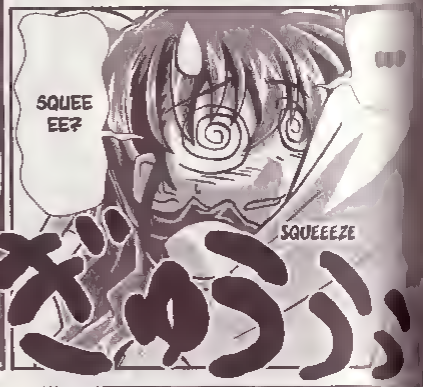
STRETCH
SUERSIS!!
I slept like a log

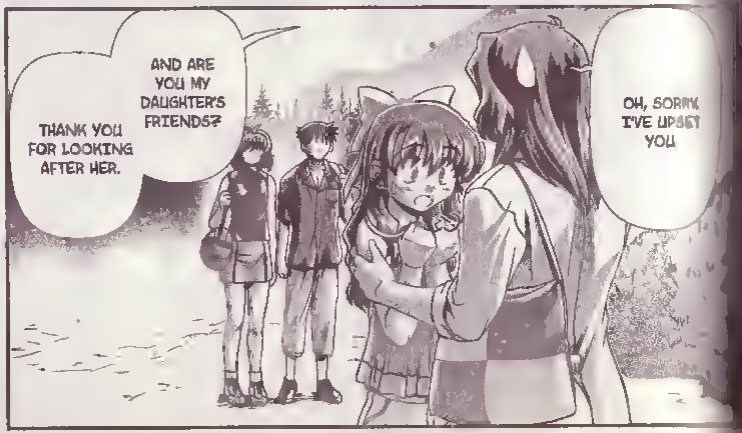

NO!
YOU LOOK PRETTY TIRED...
DID THE THREE OF YOU GET IT ON LAST NIGHT?
I SAID... DID YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME?
THAT I MIGHT MEET MY SISTER FROM THE PHOTO...


BUT, NOW...
IF I MET HER, I WOULD NEVER WANT TO MAKE HER UNHAPPY...
The turn-over pair
AND THEY'RE TIRED OUT FROM THAT...
WELL, YOU ARE GENERALLY BAD AT MAKING MOVES

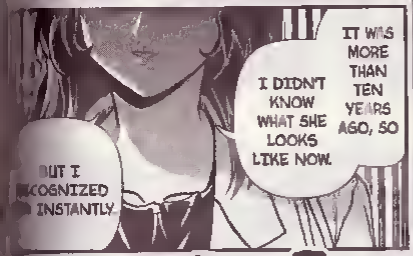
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
SQUEEEE
MOTHER-DAUGHTER... SOMETHING...

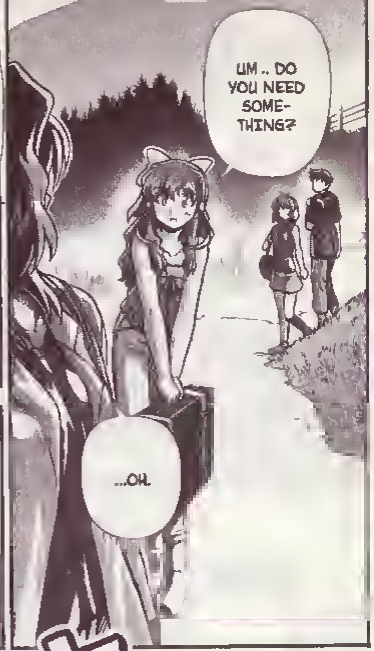

I'VE WANTED TO SEE YOU!


SQUEE EE?
SQUEEEZE

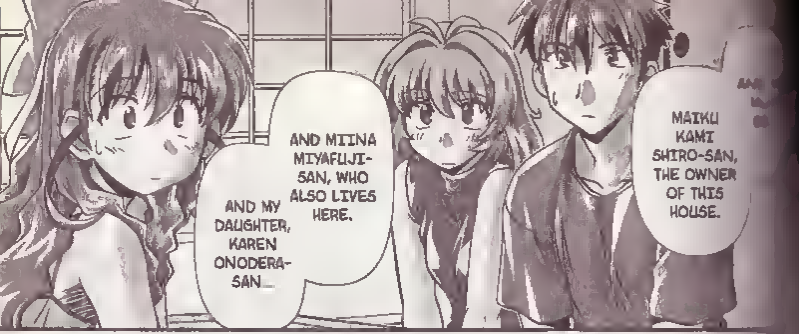

THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AFTER HER.
AND ARE YOU MY DAUGHTER'S FRIENDS?
OH, SORRY, I'VE UPSET YOU

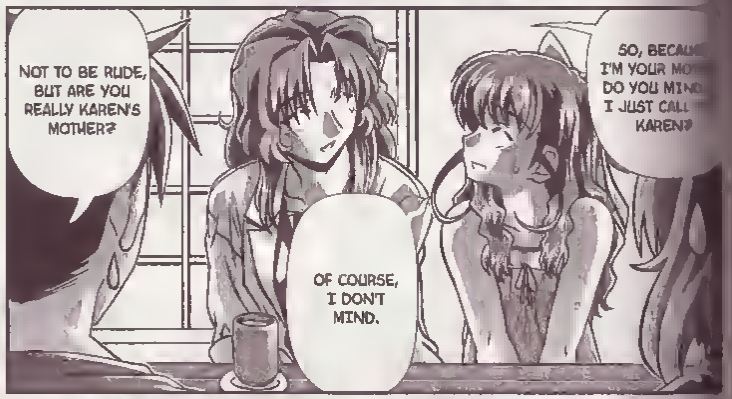
?
DID YOU LEAVE SOMETHING HERE BEFORE WE LEFT?
I CAME TO PICK UP SOMETHING YOU'VE BEEN TAKING CARE OF..


BUT I RECOGNIZED HER INSTANTLY.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT SHE LOOKS LIKE NOW.
IT WAS MORE THAN TEN YEARS AGO, SO


UM .. DO YOU NEED SOME-THING?
...OH.

WHAT?
SQUEEZE
YOU ARE MY DAUGHTER!


MAIKU KAMI SHIRO-SAN, THE OWNER OF THIS HOUSE.
AND MIINA MIYAFUJI-SAN, WHO ALSO LIVES HERE.
AND MY DAUGHTER, KAREN ONODERA-SAN...


NOT TO BE RUDE, BUT ARE YOU REALLY KAREN'S MOTHER?
OF COURSE, I DON'T MIND.

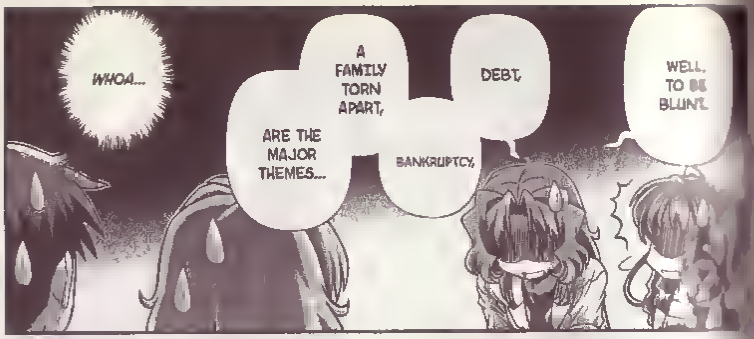
WHERE HAVE I HEARD THAT BEFORE?
WE HAVE THE SAME COLOR EYES.

PROOF?

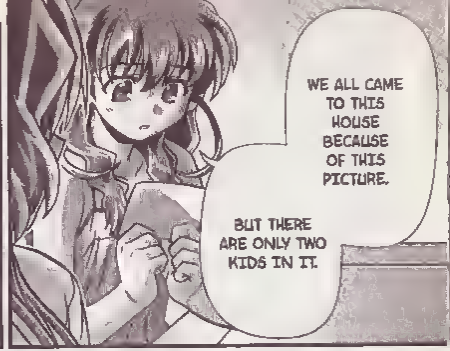
CHAPTER 8

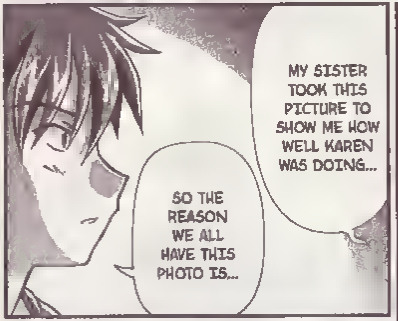
I SHOULD INTRODUCE MYSELF.
I'M KAREN'S MOTHER, HANNA MIASA.

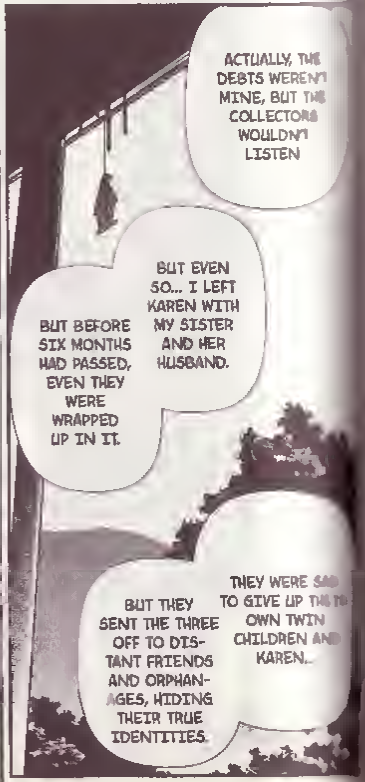
but that fact isn't totally irrelevant
I'm sure I'm not related to her.
But really, I am sure.
I'm afraid to ask...
That instantly makes me a nobody, not related to anyone there...
If Maiku and Karen are twins...
and I'll lose my home again...!
One is a boy and Maiku for sure
The twins in that picture
SURPRISE
UM... THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...
If this woman really is Karen's mother, she should know...
This girl. Who is she?
I FELT IT THE INSTANT I SAW HER...
A FAMILIAR AURA... OR MAYBE THE SAME SCENT AS ME...
IF KAREN BELIEVES IT, ISN'T THAT ENOUGH?
WHAT WOULD SHE GAIN BY LYING?
I'M NOT SURE...
WHAT DO YOU THINK? EVEN IF IT IS TRUE, WHY'D SHE JUST SHOW UP NOW?
AND EITHER WAY, I'M NOT RELATED...
THAT WOULD MEAN THIS WOMAN IS THE MOTHER OF TWO...
BUT IF YOU AND KAREN WERE RELATED...
THAT'S NOT VERY NICE...


WHOA...
A FAMILY TORN APART,
ARE THE MAJOR THEMES...
DEBT,
BANKRUPTCY,
WELL, TO BE BLUNT.

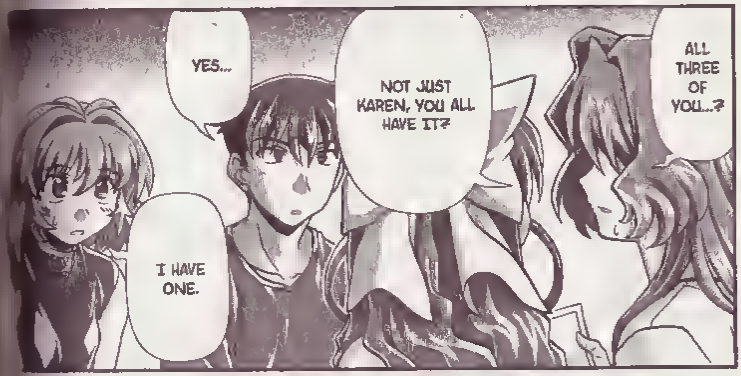
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THIS PHOTO BEFORE?

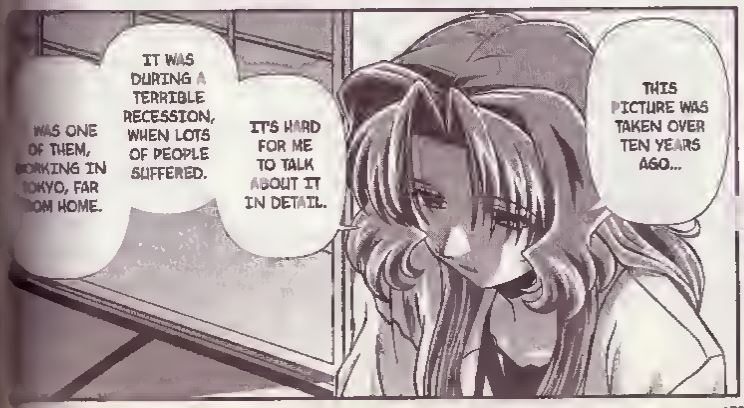

WE ALL CAME TO THIS HOUSE BECAUSE OF THIS PICTURE.
BUT THERE ARE ONLY TWO KIDS IN IT.

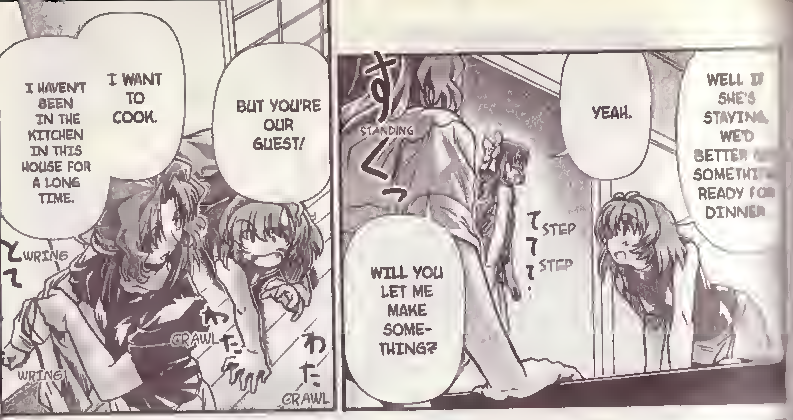

MY SISTER TOOK THIS PICTURE TO SHOW ME HOW WELL KAREN WAS DOING...
SO THE REASON WE ALL HAVE THIS PHOTO IS...

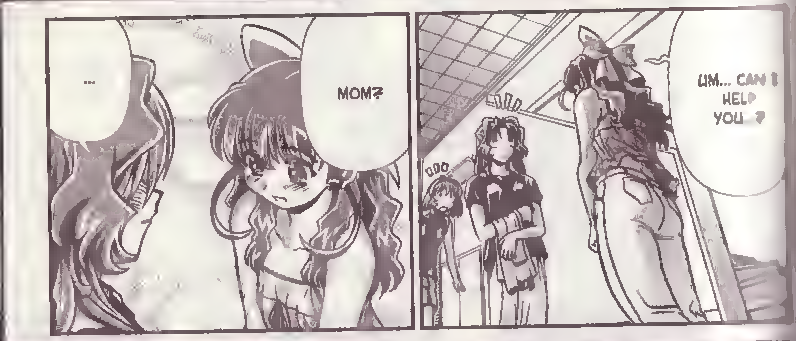

ACTUALLY, THE DEBTS WEREN'T MINE, BUT THE COLLECTORS WOULDN'T LISTEN
BUT EVEN SO... I LEFT KAREN WITH MY SISTER AND HER HUSBAND.
BUT BEFORE SIX MONTHS HAD PASSED, EVEN THEY WERE WRAPPED UP IN IT.
THEY WERE SAID TO GIVE UP THEIR OWN TWIN CHILDREN AND KAREN...
BUT THEY SENT THE THREE OFF TO DISTANT FRIENDS AND ORPHANAGES, HIDING THEIR TRUE IDENTITIES.

I THINK THAT'S WHY SHE GAVE YOU THE PICTURE.
TO LEAD YOU ALL BACK TO THIS HOUSE SOMEDAY...
MY SISTER PROBABLY WANTED YOU ALL TO HAVE SOMETHING OF THAT SHORT, HAPPY TIME YOU HAD TOGETHER.

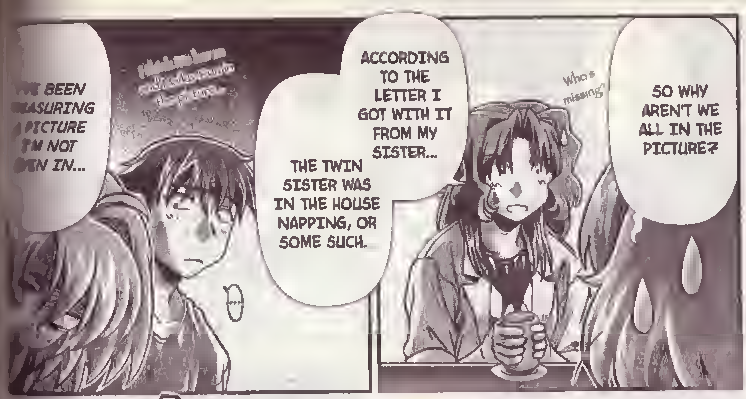

YES...
I HAVE ONE.
NOT JUST KAREN, YOU ALL HAVE IT?
ALL THREE OF YOU...?

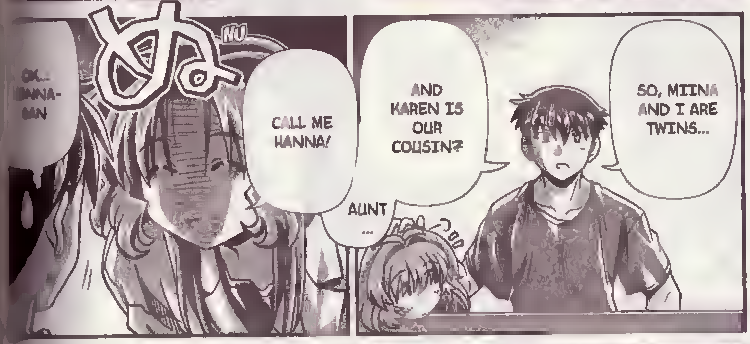

WAS ONE OF THEM, WORKING IN TOKYO, FAR FROM HOME.
IT WAS DURING A TERRIBLE RECESSION, WHEN LOTS OF PEOPLE SUFFERED.
IT'S HARD FOR ME TO TALK ABOUT IT IN DETAIL.
THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN OVER TEN YEARS AGO...

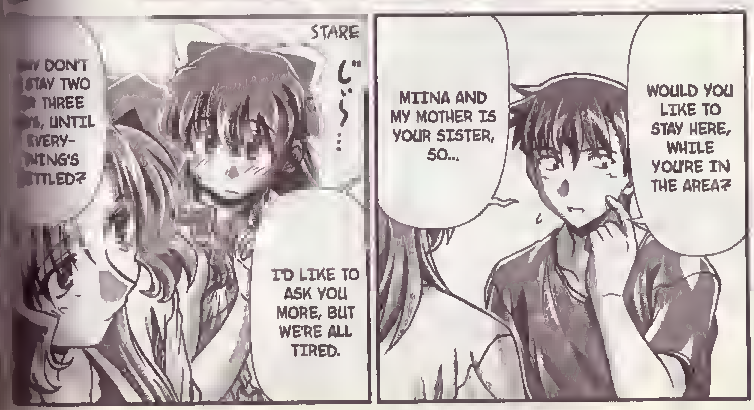

I HAVEN'T BEEN IN THE KITCHEN IN THIS HOUSE FOR A LONG TIME.
I WANT TO COOK.
BUT YOU'RE OUR GUEST!
WRING
CRAWL
WRING
CRAWL
STANDING
YEAH.
WELL IF SHE'S STAYING, WE'D BETTER [illegible] SOMETHI[illegible] READY FOR DINNER.
WILL YOU LET ME MAKE SOME-THING?
STEP
STEP


...
MOM?
UM... CAN I HELP YOU...?

I GUESS.
I'M A LITTLE JEALOUS.

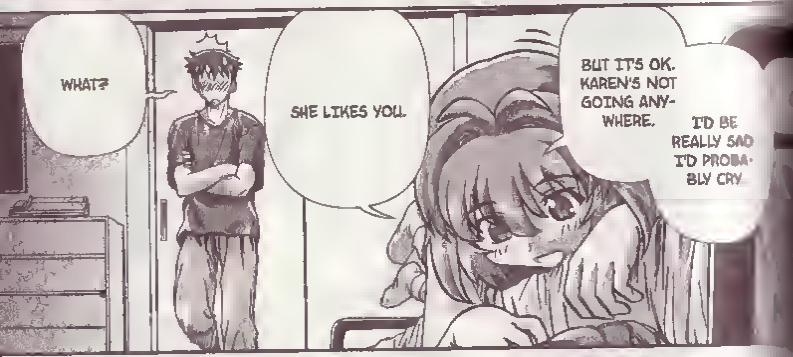

[illegible]'VE BEEN MEASURING A PICTURE I'M NOT EVEN IN...
THE TWIN SISTER WAS IN THE HOUSE NAPPING, OR SOME SUCH.
ACCORDING TO THE LETTER I GOT WITH IT FROM MY SISTER...
Who's missing?
SO WHY AREN'T WE ALL IN THE PICTURE?

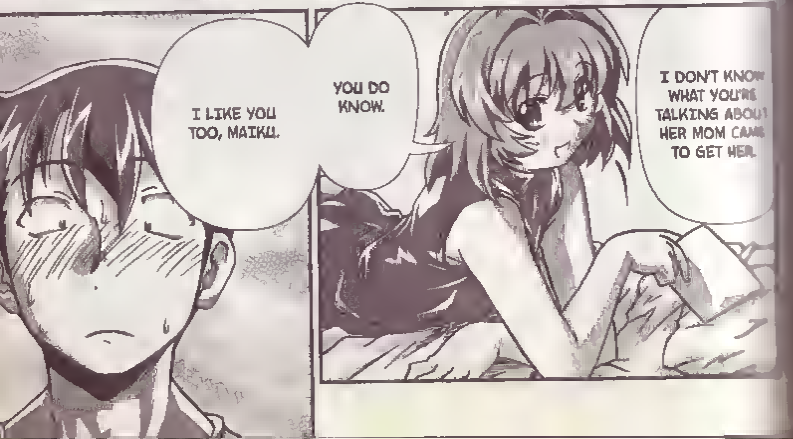

OH... HANNA-SAN
CALL ME HANNA!
AUNT ...
AND KAREN IS OUR COUSIN?
SO, MIINA AND I ARE TWINS...

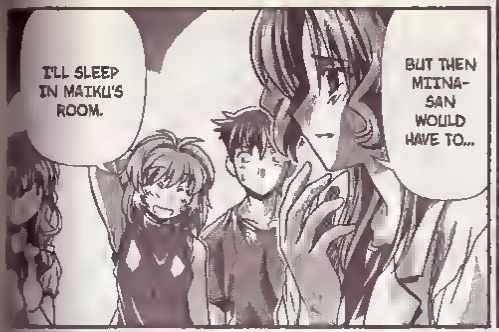

[illegible]Y DON'T [illegible]STAY TWO [illegible]R THREE [illegible]S, UNTIL EVERY-[illegible]THING'S [illegible]TTLED?
STARE
I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU MORE, BUT WE'RE ALL TIRED.
MIINA AND MY MOTHER IS YOUR SISTER, SO...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY HERE, WHILE YOU'RE IN THE AREA?

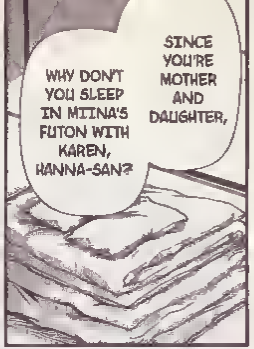
WOULD YOU MISS HER?
OF COURSE!
ARE YOU OK WITH THAT?

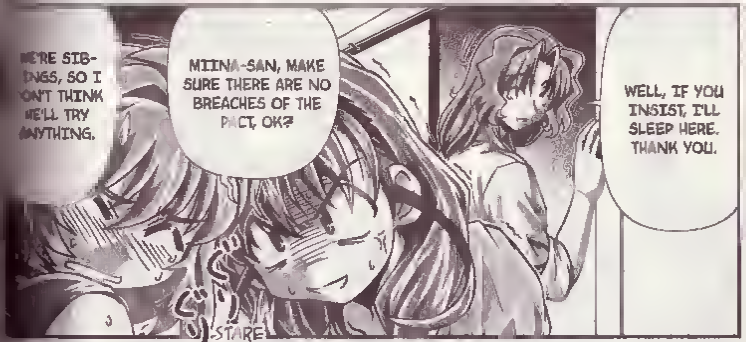
I WONDER IF KAREN'S GONNA LEAVE.


WHAT?
SHE LIKES YOU.
BUT IT'S OK. KAREN'S NOT GOING ANY-WHERE.
I'D BE REALLY SAD I'D PROBA-BLY CRY.


I LIKE YOU TOO, MAIKU.
YOU DO KNOW.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT HER MOM CAME TO GET HER.


I'LL SLEEP IN MAIKU'S ROOM.
BUT THEN MIINA-SAN WOULD HAVE TO...


WHY DON'T YOU SLEEP IN MIINA'S FUTON WITH KAREN, HANNA-SAN?
SINCE YOU'RE MOTHER AND DAUGHTER,


WE'RE SIB-LINGS, SO I DON'T THINK WE'LL TRY ANYTHING.
MIINA-SAN, MAKE SURE THERE ARE NO BREACHES OF THE PACT, OK?
WELL, IF YOU INSIST, I'LL SLEEP HERE. THANK YOU.
STARE

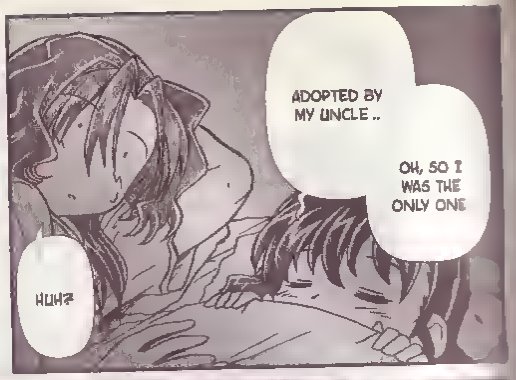
I WILL...
...

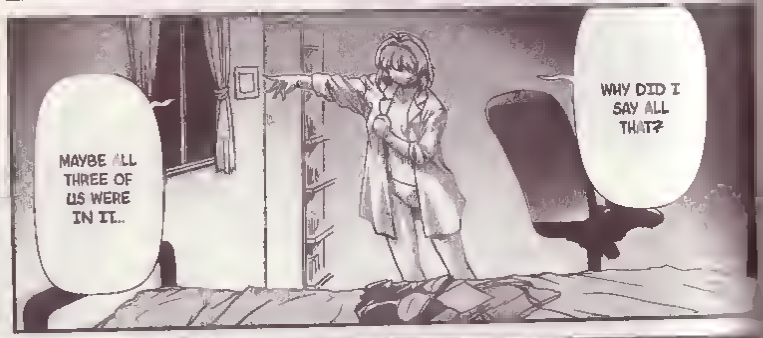
ANYWAY, KAREN...
HAVE FUN WITH YOUR MOM WHILE SHE'S HERE.

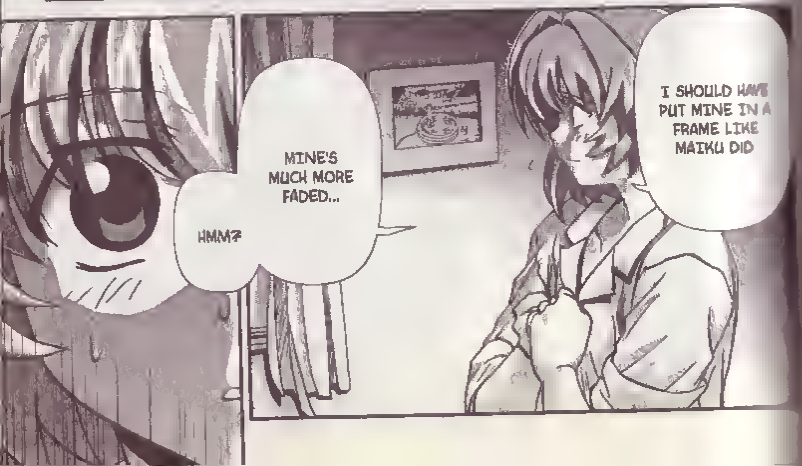
I'D BE HAPPY IF YOU WENT OUT WITH HER.
BUT CONSIDER KAREN, OK?
WE'RE BROTHER AND SISTER SO IT DOESN'T COUNT.
I'M NOT CONFESSING MY LOVE.
FLASH
WE'RE SIBLINGS, SO HOW 'BOUT WE SLEEP TOGETHER?
I'LL SLEEP IN THE LIVING ROOM.
YOU CAN SLEEP IN MY BED TONIGHT.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT KINDA THING NOW
HEH HEH...
SLAM
POP
...
IDIOT.
GO TO BED.
CREAK
HEY, YOU WERE THINKING ABOUT THAT KINDA THING!

AND YOU MIGHT EVEN RETURN THEM.
ONLY KAREN CAN LET HERS GROW.
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS FOR YOU,
ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED.
I'M RELIEVED TO KNOW WE'RE SIBLINGS, BUT
SO, IF I WERE IN KAREN'S PLACE, I WOULDN'T LEAVE YOU.
WHATEVER HAPPENS IN THE FUTURE, THAT WOULD BE MY UNCHANGING, TOP PRIORITY.

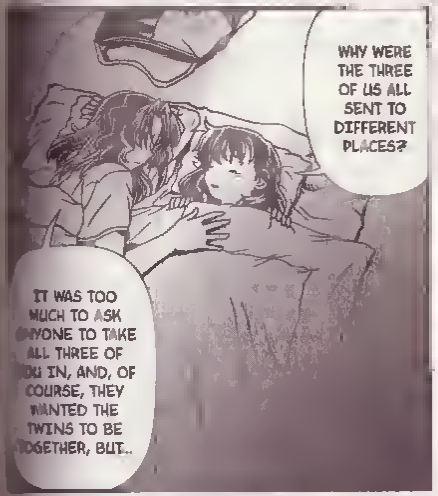
I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT
OH, YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING.
I...
MIINA...

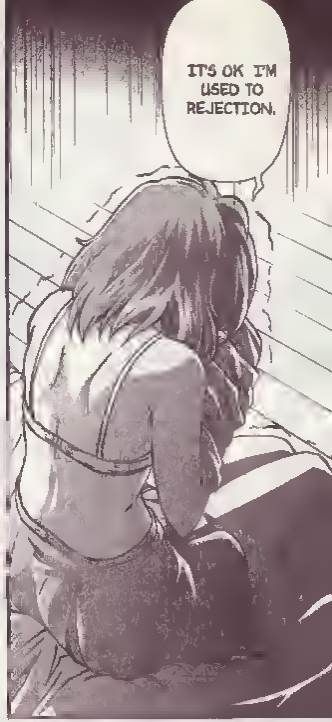

ADOPTED BY MY UNCLE..
OH, SO I WAS THE ONLY ONE
HUH?

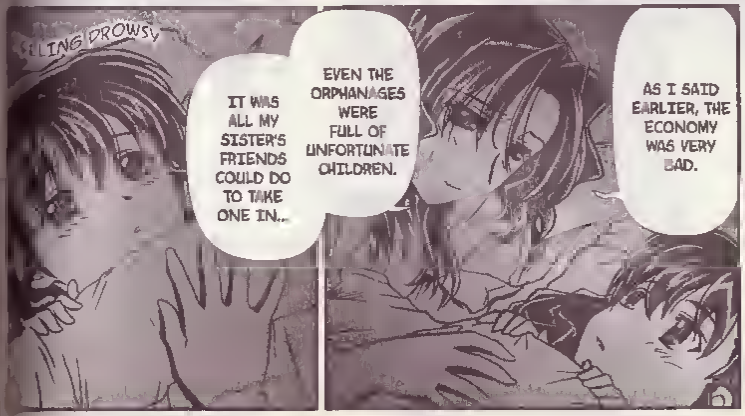

MAYBE ALL THREE OF US WERE IN IT..
WHY DID I SAY ALL THAT?


I SHOULD HAVE PUT MINE IN A FRAME LIKE MAIKU DID
MINE'S MUCH MORE FADED...
HMM?

WHAT, KAREN?
HEY.. MOM?


WHY WERE THE THREE OF US ALL SENT TO DIFFERENT PLACES?
IT WAS TOO MUCH TO ASK ANYONE TO TAKE ALL THREE OF YOU IN, AND, OF COURSE, THEY WANTED THE TWINS TO BE TOGETHER, BUT..


IT'S OK I'M USED TO REJECTION.


FEELING DROWSY
IT WAS ALL MY SISTER'S FRIENDS COULD DO TO TAKE ONE IN..
EVEN THE ORPHANAGES WERE FULL OF UNFORTUNATE CHILDREN.
AS I SAID EARLIER, THE ECONOMY WAS VERY BAD.

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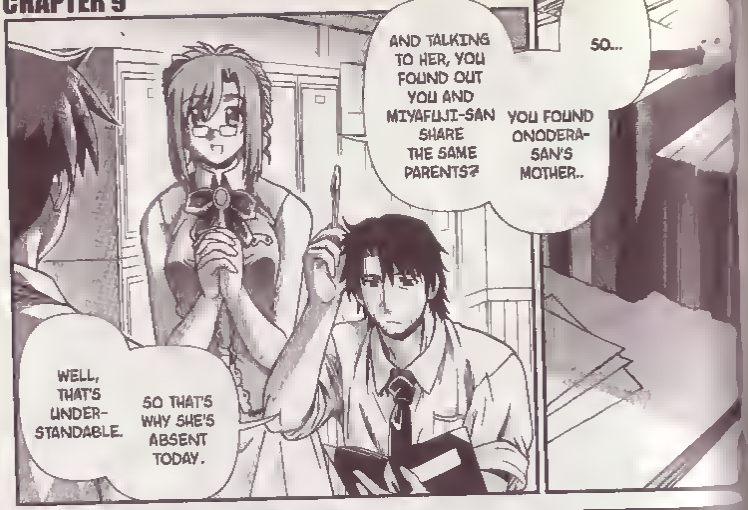
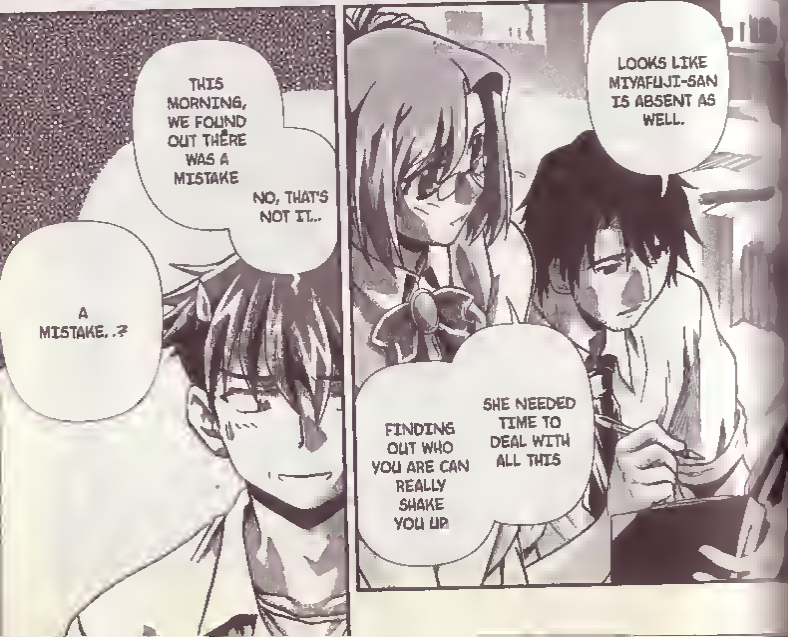
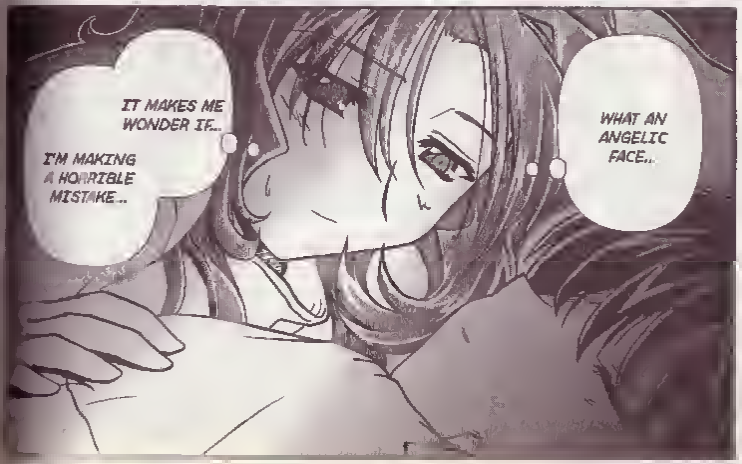
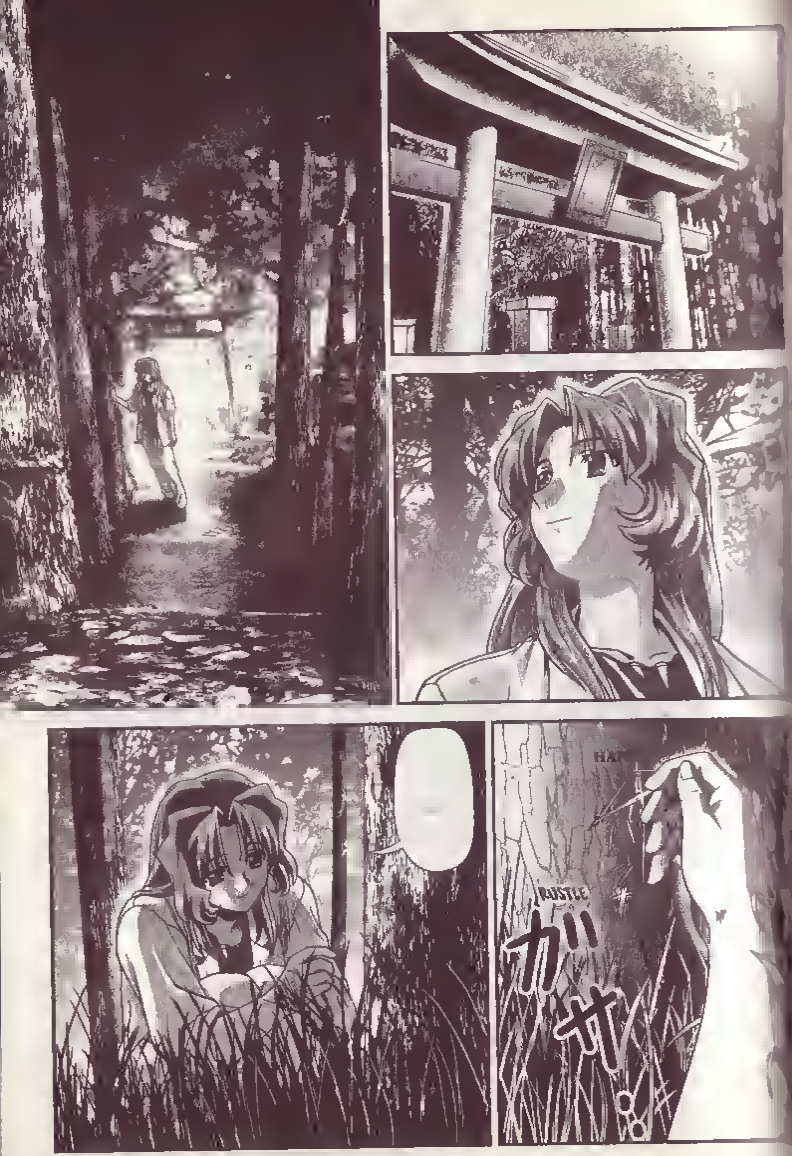

SO...
YOU FOUND ONODERA-SAN'S MOTHER..
AND TALKING TO HER, YOU FOUND OUT YOU AND MIYAFUJI-SAN SHARE THE SAME PARENTS?
SO THAT'S WHY SHE'S ABSENT TODAY.
WELL, THAT'S UNDER-STANDABLE.

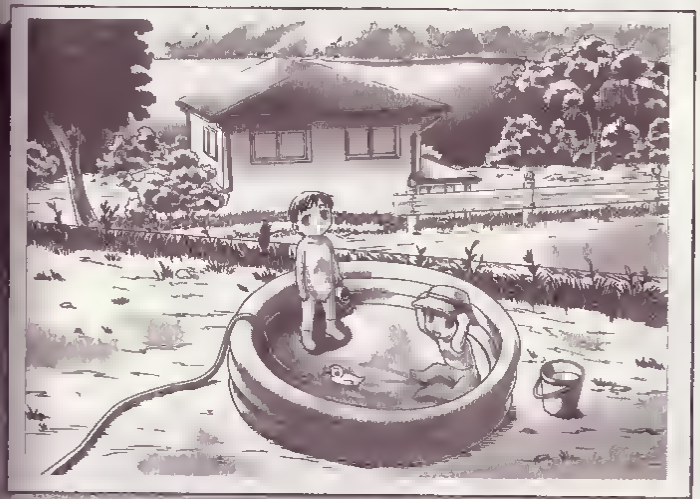

LOOKS LIKE MIYAFUJI-SAN IS ABSENT AS WELL.
SHE NEEDED TIME TO DEAL WITH ALL THIS
FINDING OUT WHO YOU ARE CAN REALLY SHAKE YOU UP.
THIS MORNING, WE FOUND OUT THERE WAS A MISTAKE
NO, THAT'S NOT IT..
A MISTAKE..?

THIS GIRL IS...

...WAIT... THIS GIRL'S...
LOOKING AT THIS BRIGHTER COPY...
THIS GIRL'S HAIR IS...
I CAN TELL WHO IT IS!


WHAT AN ANGELIC FACE..
IT MAKES ME WONDER IF...
I'M MAKING A HORRIBLE MISTAKE..





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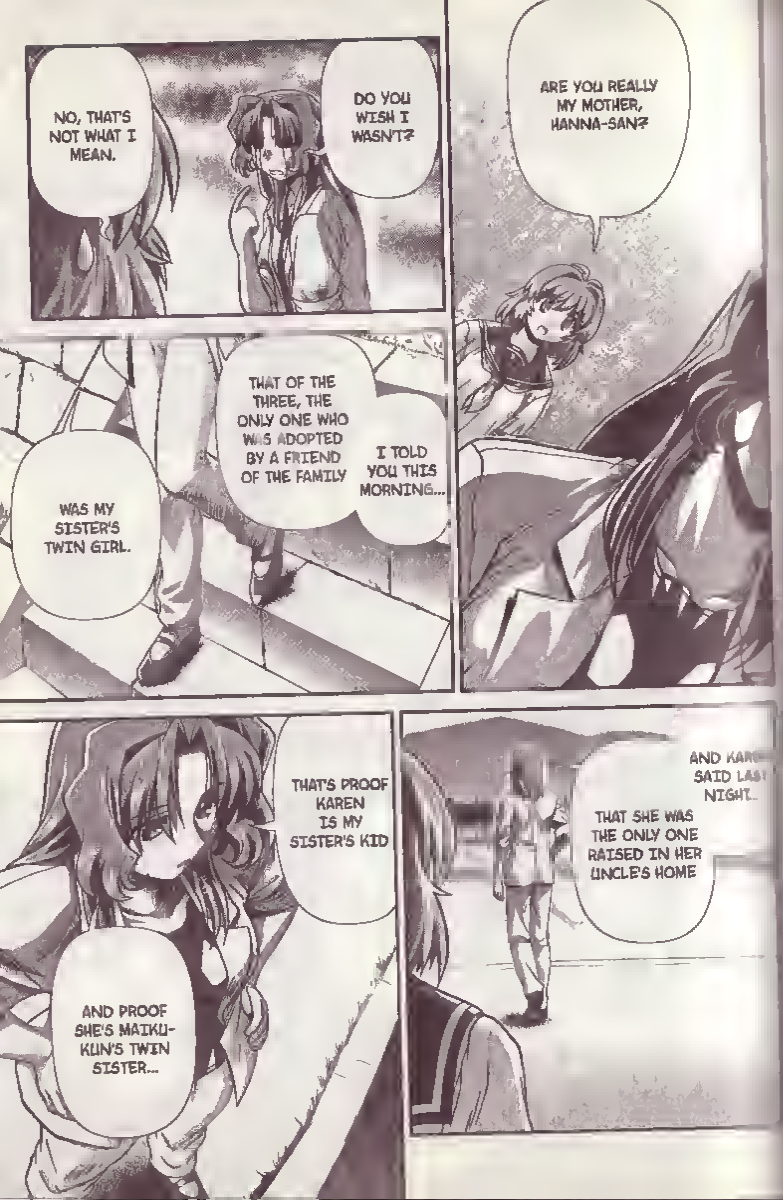
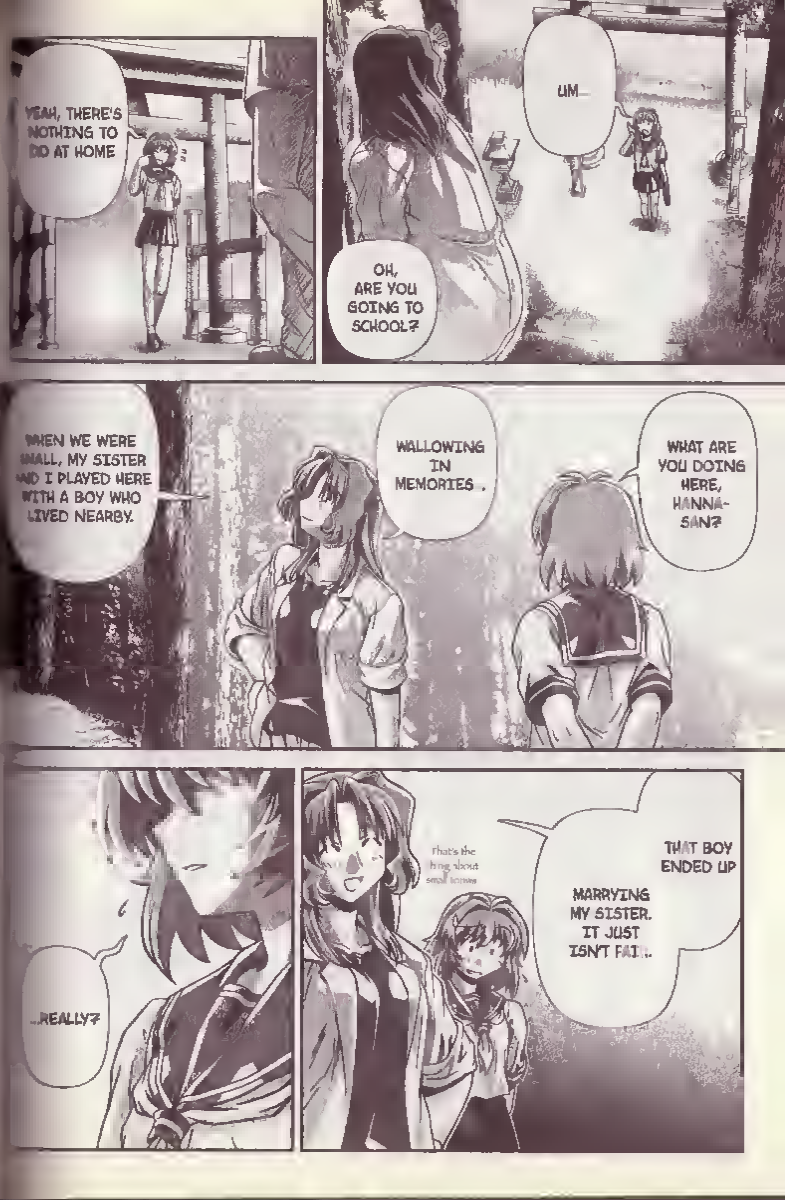
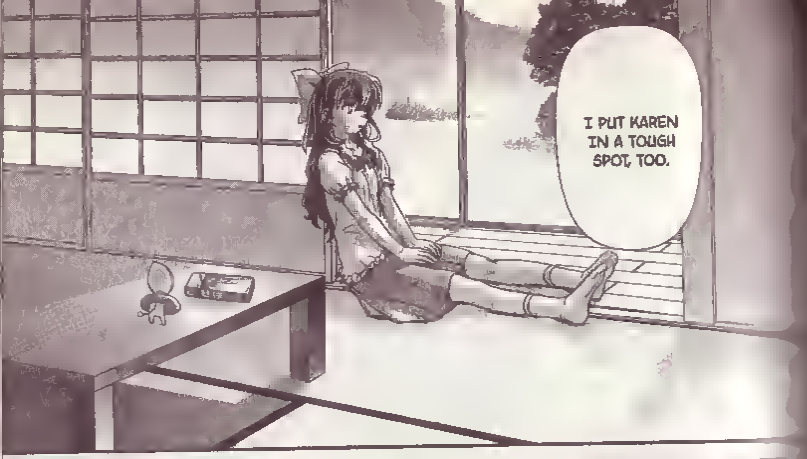
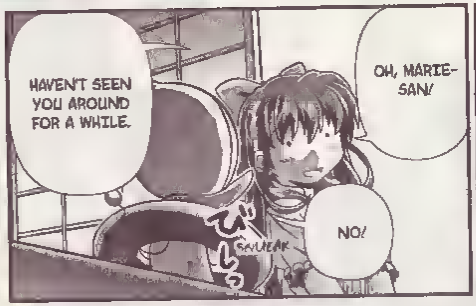
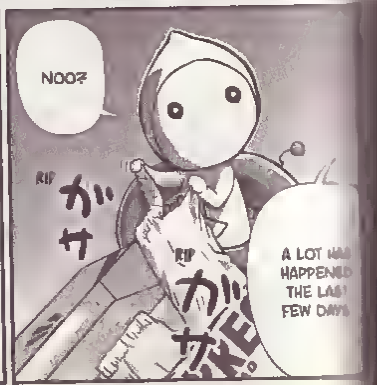

NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
DO YOU WISH I WASN'T?
ARE YOU REALLY MY MOTHER, HANNA-SAN?
WAS MY SISTER'S TWIN GIRL.
THAT OF THE THREE, THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS ADOPTED BY A FRIEND OF THE FAMILY
I TOLD YOU THIS MORNING...
AND PROOF SHE'S MAIKU-KUN'S TWIN SISTER...
THAT'S PROOF KAREN IS MY SISTER'S KID
THAT SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE RAISED IN HER UNCLE'S HOME
AND KARE SAID LAS NIGHT..

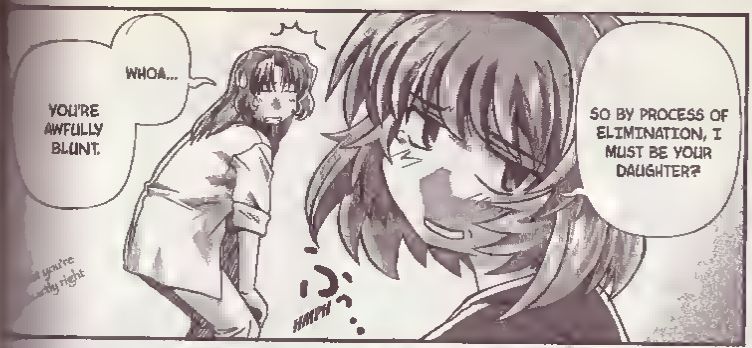

YEAH, THERE'S NOTHING TO DO AT HOME
UM...
OH, ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL?
WHEN WE WERE SMALL, MY SISTER AND I PLAYED HERE WITH A BOY WHO LIVED NEARBY.
WALLOWING IN MEMORIES..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE, HANNA-SAN?
...REALLY?
that's the thing about small towns
THAT BOY ENDED UP MARRYING MY SISTER. IT JUST ISN'T FAI..

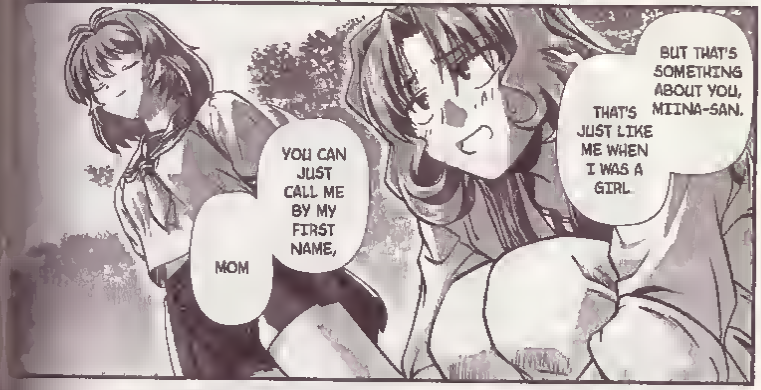

I PUT KAREN IN A TOUGH SPOT, TOO.


HAVEN'T SEEN YOU AROUND FOR A WHILE.
OH, MARIE-SAN!
NO!
SAUNEAR

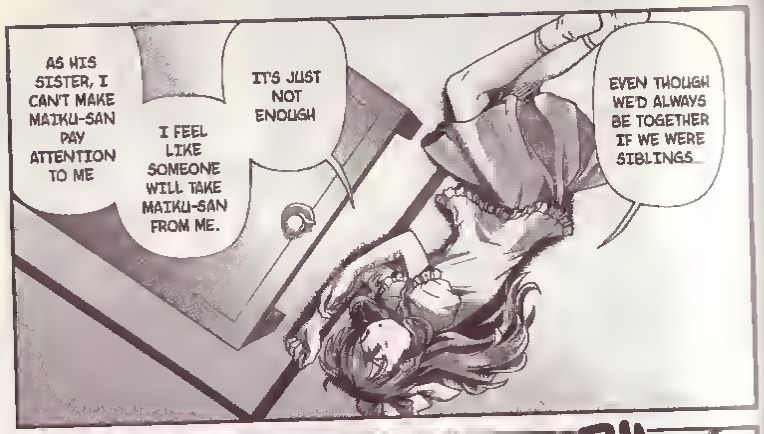
WE WENT ON A TRIP TO OKINAWA.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE OKINAWA IS?

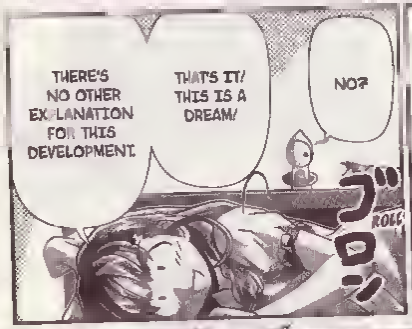

NOO?
RIP
RIP
A LOT HAS HAPPENED THE LAST FEW DAYS


WHOA...
YOU'RE AWFULLY BLUNT.
SO BY PROCESS OF ELIMINATION, I MUST BE YOUR DAUGHTER?
HMPH!

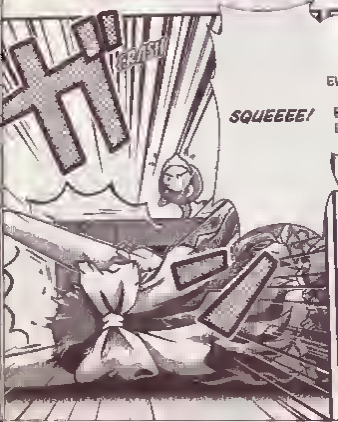

MOM
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME,
THAT'S JUST LIKE ME WHEN I WAS A GIRL.
BUT THAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU, MIINA-SAN.

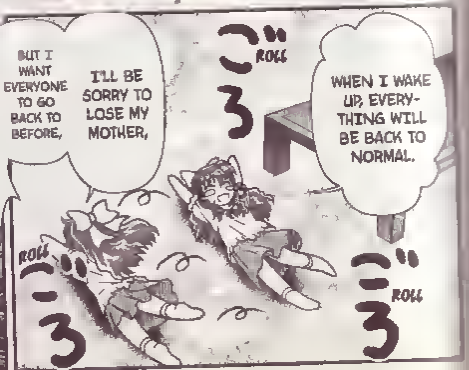
...YEAH.
IF YOU MEAN YOUR MISTAKE, THAT'S FINE.
WELL, FOR EVERY-THING,
I'M SORRY.
SORRY, MIINA.

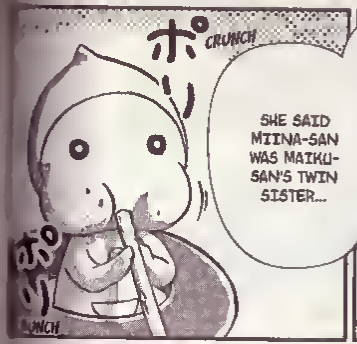

AS HIS SISTER, I CAN'T MAKE MAIKU-SAN PAY ATTENTION TO ME
I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE WILL TAKE MAIKU-SAN FROM ME.
IT'S JUST NOT ENOUGH
EVEN THOUGH WE'D ALWAYS BE TOGETHER IF WE WERE SIBLINGS...

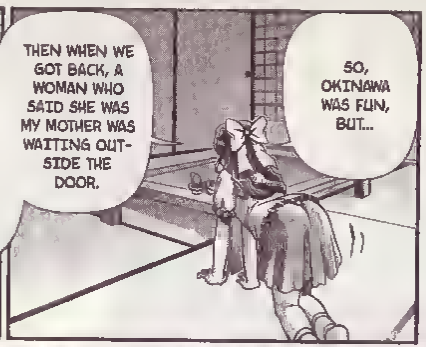

THERE'S NO OTHER EXPLANATION FOR THIS DEVELOPMENT.
THAT'S IT! THIS IS A DREAM!
NO?
ROLL

I WONDER IF I'M DREAMING.
ROLL

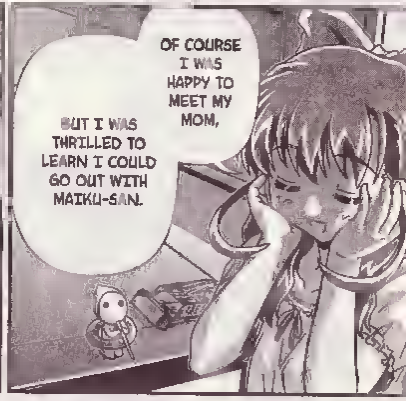

SQUEEEE!

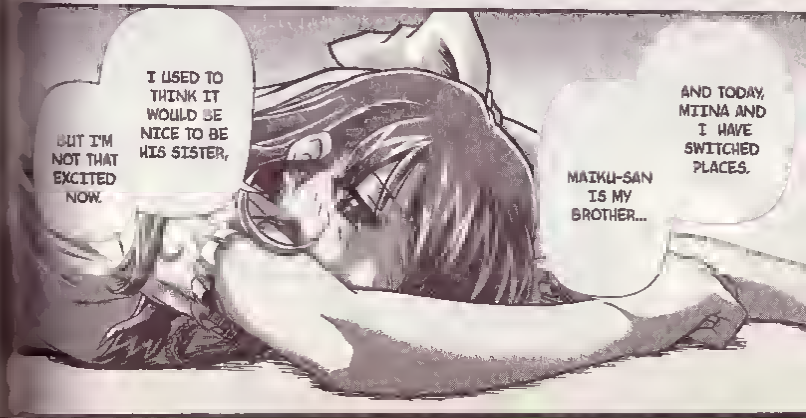

BUT I WANT EVERYONE TO GO BACK TO BEFORE,
I'LL BE SORRY TO LOSE MY MOTHER,
WHEN I WAKE UP, EVERYTHING WILL BE BACK TO NORMAL.
ROLL

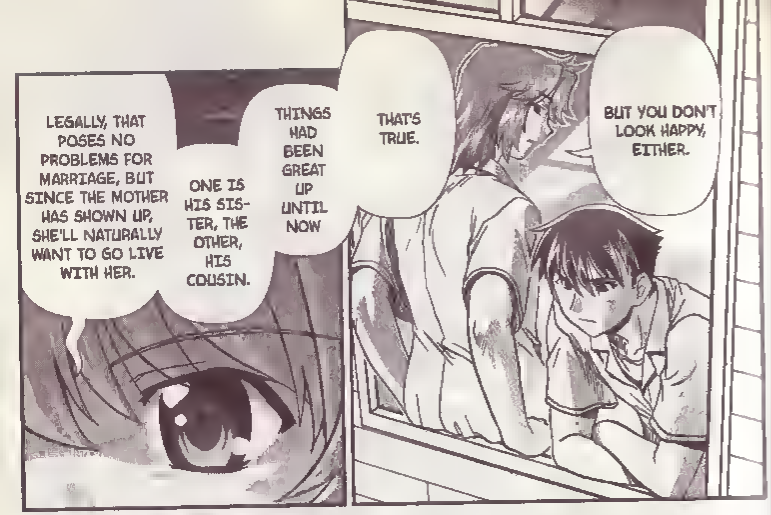

CRUNCH
SHE SAID MIINA-SAN WAS MAIKU-SAN'S TWIN SISTER...

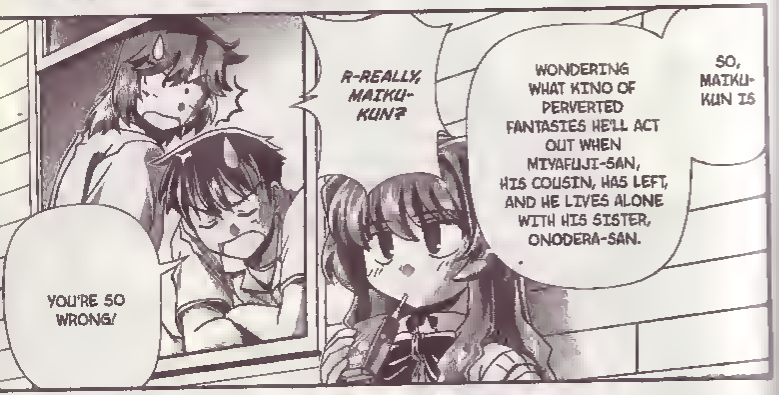

THEN WHEN WE GOT BACK, A WOMAN WHO SAID SHE WAS MY MOTHER WAS WAITING OUTSIDE THE DOOR.
SO, OKINAWA WAS FUN, BUT...

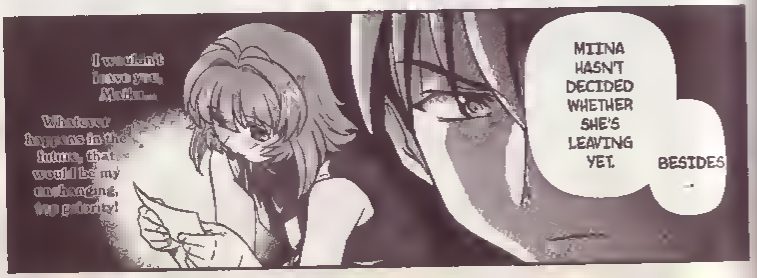
BUT THINKING ABOUT THE LOVE PACT I MADE WITH MIINA-SAN... MADE EVERYTHING MORE COMPLICATED.
SLAM

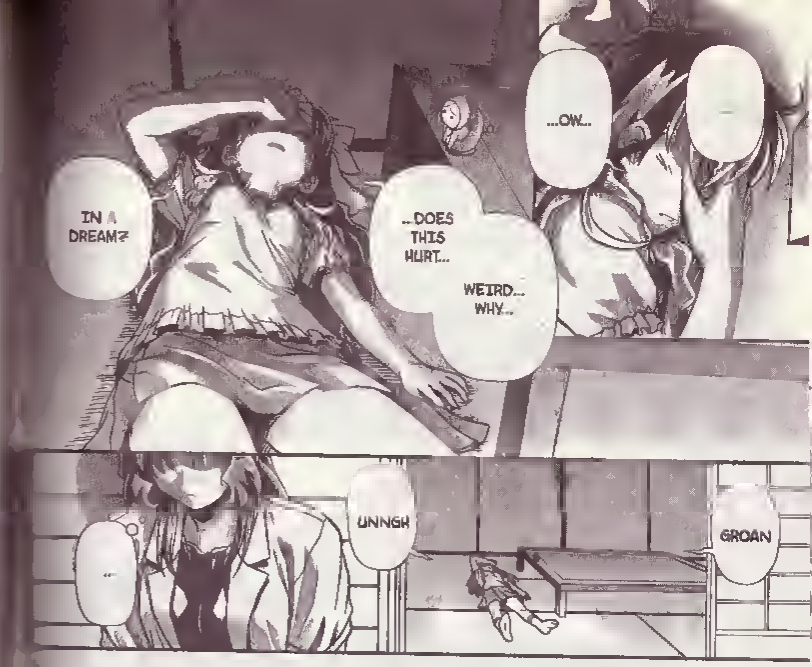

OF COURSE I WAS HAPPY TO MEET MY MOM,
BUT I WAS THRILLED TO LEARN I COULD GO OUT WITH MAIKU-SAN.


BUT I'M NOT THAT EXCITED NOW.
I USED TO THINK IT WOULD BE NICE TO BE HIS SISTER,
MAIKU-SAN IS MY BROTHER...
AND TODAY, MIINA AND I HAVE SWITCHED PLACES.


BUT YOU DON'T LOOK HAPPY, EITHER.
THAT'S TRUE.
THINGS HAD BEEN GREAT UP UNTIL NOW
ONE IS HIS SISTER, THE OTHER, HIS COUSIN.
LEGALLY, THAT POSES NO PROBLEMS FOR MARRIAGE, BUT SINCE THE MOTHER HAS SHOWN UP, SHE'LL NATURALLY WANT TO GO LIVE WITH HER.


SO, MAIKU-KUN IS
WONDERING WHAT KIND OF PERVERTED FANTASIES HE'LL ACT OUT WHEN MIYAFUJI-SAN, HIS COUSIN, HAS LEFT, AND HE LIVES ALONE WITH HIS SISTER, ONODERA-SAN.
R-REALLY, MAIKU-KUN?
YOU'RE SO WRONG!

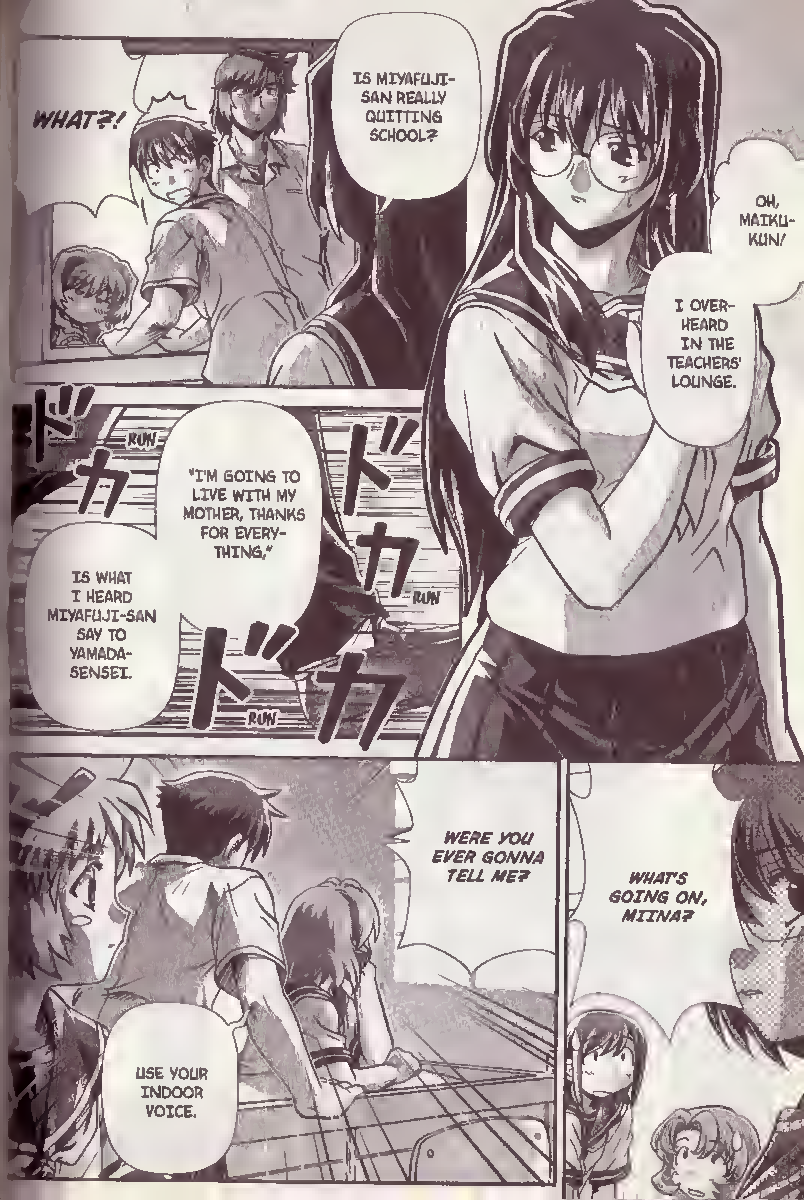

MIINA HASN'T DECIDED WHETHER SHE'S LEAVING YET.
BESIDES...
I wouldn't have you, Maiku...
Whatever happens in the future, that would be my one hanging, top priority!


...OW...
IN A DREAM?
..DOES THIS HURT...
WEIRD... WHY...
UNNGH
GROAN

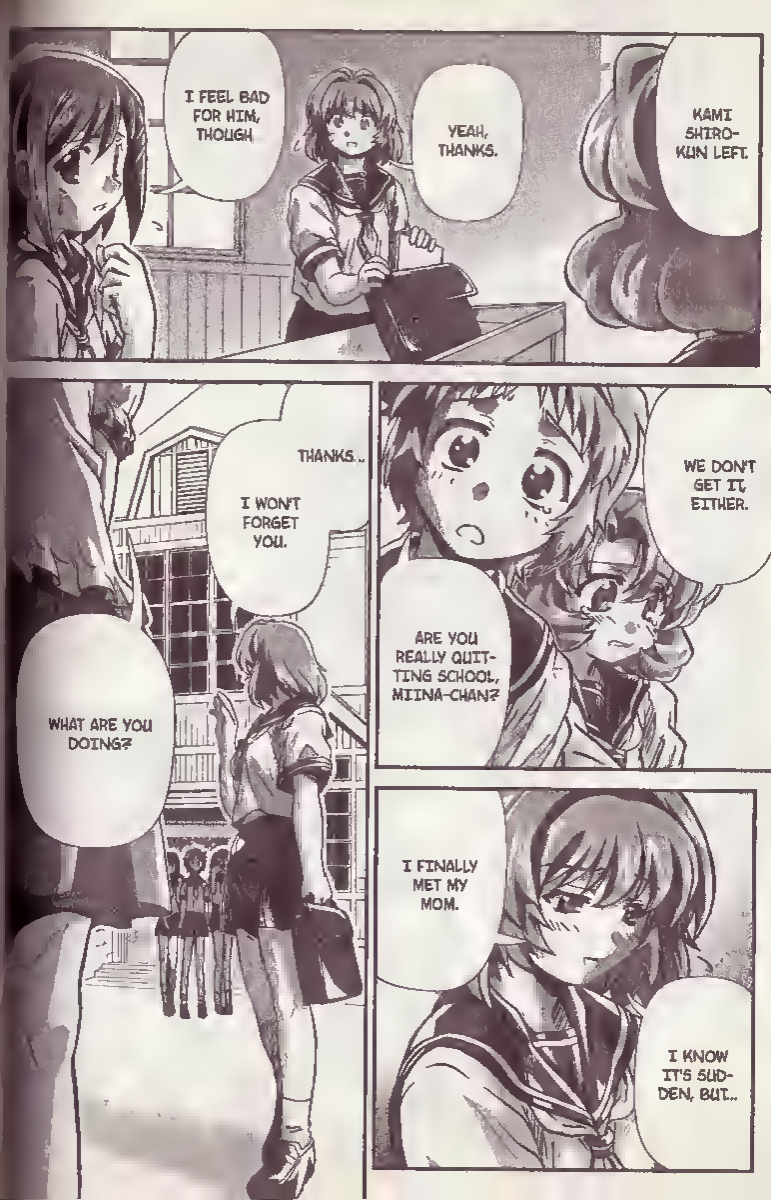
AREN'T YOU HAPPY?
I'M NOT UNHAPPY.

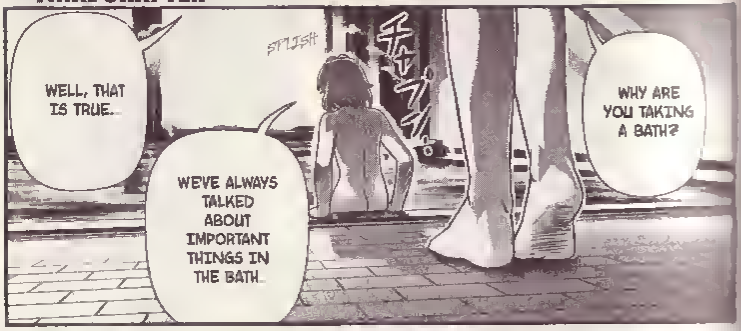
I SEE.
SO, YOU FOUND OUT WHO YOU'RE RELATED TO?
YEAH..

DING
LUNCH TIME IS OVER.
BETTER GET BACK TO YOUR CLASS.
LOOK AT ME WHEN YOU SAY THAT!
DONG
I TALKED WITH MY MOM AND DECIDED BEFORE SCHOOL THIS MORNING.
THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAID LAST NIGHT!
DING
DONG
WE'LL FINISH THIS AFTER CLASS.
YOU'D BETTER BE WAITING FOR ME!
SHE RACED OUT AS SOON AS THE BELL RANG.
IN A BIG HURRY.
LEAVING NO TRACE.
DAMN!
SHE LEFT?

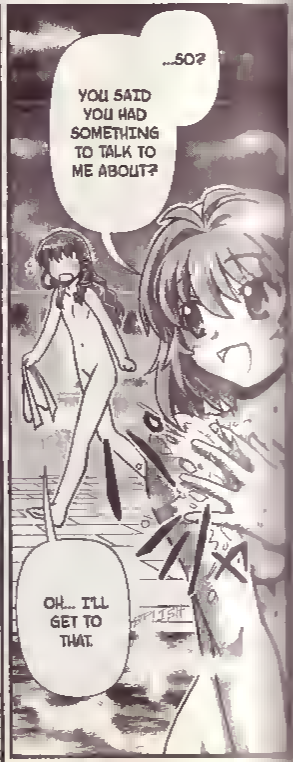

WHAT?!
IS MIYAFUJI-SAN REALLY QUITTING SCHOOL?
OH, MAIKU-KUN!
I OVER-HEARD IN THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE.
RUN
RUN
RUN
"I'M GOING TO LIVE WITH MY MOTHER, THANKS FOR EVERY-THING."
IS WHAT I HEARD MIYAFUJI-SAN SAY TO YAMADA-SENSEI.
WERE YOU EVER GONNA TELL ME?
USE YOUR INDOOR VOICE.
WHAT'S GOING ON, MIINA?

THERE'S SOMETHING HANNA-SAN ASKED ME, TOO.
I WANT YOU TO EXPLAIN.
I CAME TO SEE YOU, BUT..
YOU NEVER TOLD ME YOU WERE LEAVING.
JUST LIKE TWINS..
CAN YOU WAIT UNTIL WE GET HOME?
I KNEW I HAD TO TELL YOU, ANYWAY.
OK
NOOO!
MIINA'S NOT BACK YET?


I FEEL BAD FOR HIM, THOUGH.
YEAH, THANKS.
KAMI SHIRO-KUN LEFT.
THANKS..
I WON'T FORGET YOU.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WE DON'T GET IT, EITHER.
ARE YOU REALLY QUIT-TING SCHOOL, MIINA-CHAN?
I FINALLY MET MY MOM.
I KNOW IT'S SUD-DEN, BUT..

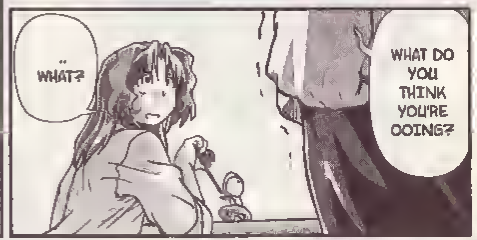

WELL, THAT IS TRUE...
WE'VE ALWAYS TALKED ABOUT IMPORTANT THINGS IN THE BATH.
WHY ARE YOU TAKING A BATH?

IF I WANTED TO LIVE WITH HER.
TODAY, BEFORE I WENT TO SCHOOL, MY MOM ASKED ME
YOU FIRST. WHAT DID YOU WANT TO SAY?
POUR

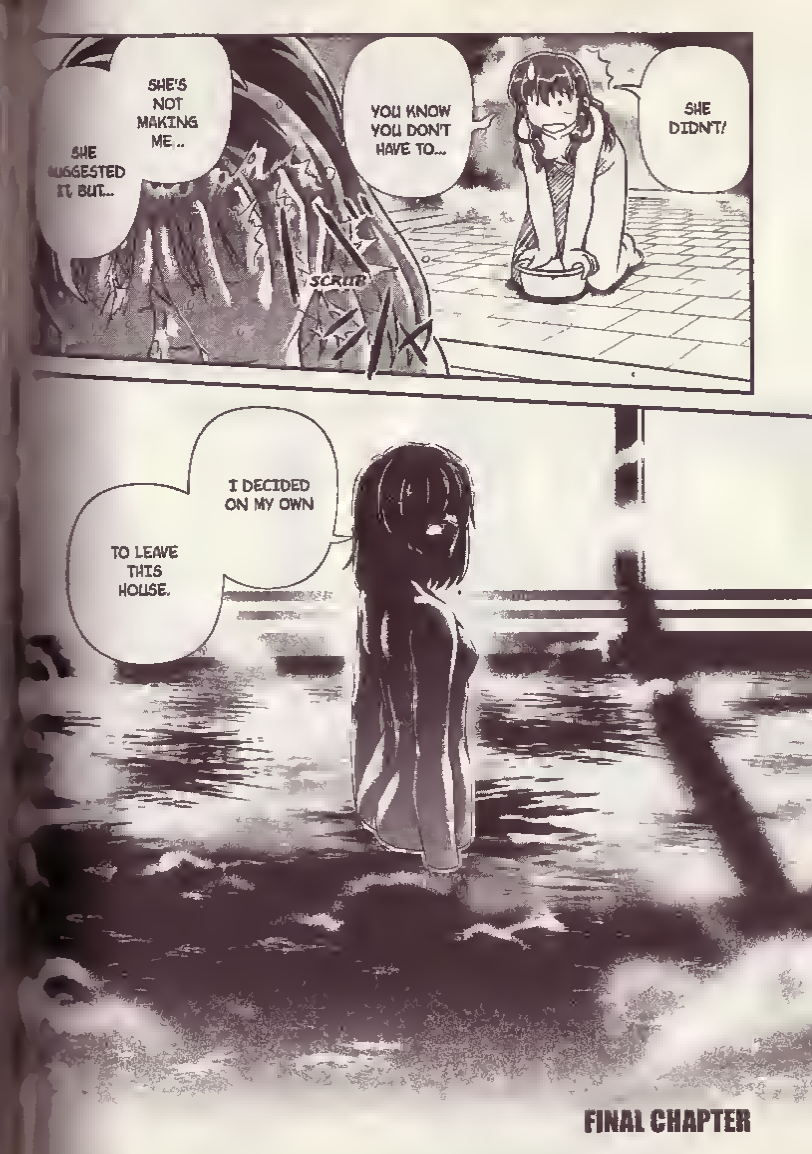

...SO?
YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING TO TALK TO ME ABOUT?
OH... I'LL GET TO THAT.

MIINA SAID SHE WAS GOING TO QUIT SCHOOL.
BUT SHE CAN'T HAVE THOUGHT OF THAT IDEA ON HER OWN.

OH, MAIKU-KUN, WELCOME HOME
NO, SHE'S NOT BACK YET.
AND KAREN WENT OUT A LITTLE BIT AGO.


..WHAT?
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

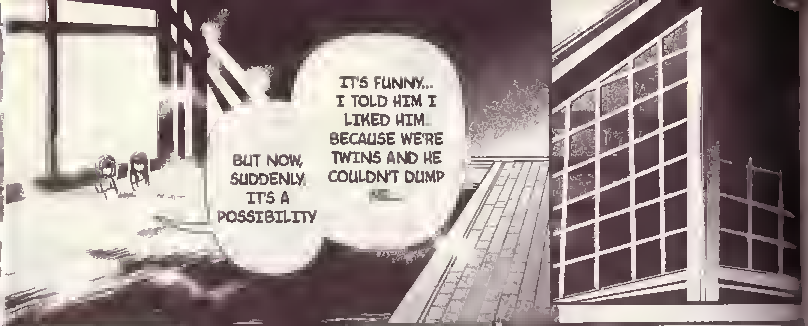
WHAT DID YOU SAY TO HER?



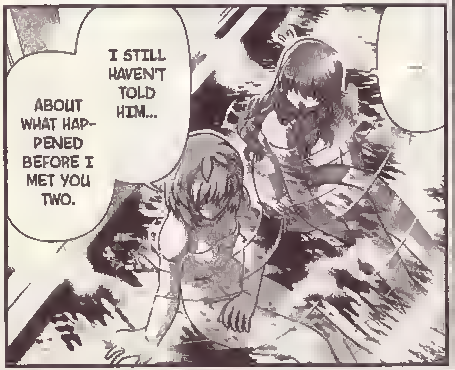
FINAL CHAPTER

WHEN YOU...
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT,
ABAN-DONED US ALL?!
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO GIVE THAT TO HER.
SO, IT'S NATURAL FOR YOU TO HATE ME.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I HURT ALL OF YOU.
NO...
I...
GASP
I THINK KAREN DISLIKES ME, TOO.
NOW?
WHY DID-N'T YOU COME WHEN WE NEEDED YOU?

SUDDENLY SAID SHE WANTS TO LEAVE.
MIINA SAID SHE'D STAY HERE WITH ME,
BUT THEN SHE...
HER OWN WAY OF THINK-ING?!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MIINA?
THAT'S BECAUSE SHE HAS MY EMOTIONS.
SHE HAS HER OWN WAY OF THINKING...
HER PLACE
NO, EVEN BEFORE THEN, SHE'S BEEN SEARCHING FOR HER PLACE.
EVER SINCE SHE CAME HERE...


IT'S FUNNY... I TOLD HIM I LIKED HIM. BECAUSE WE'RE TWINS AND HE COULDN'T DUMP
BUT NOW, SUDDENLY, IT'S A POSSIBILITY

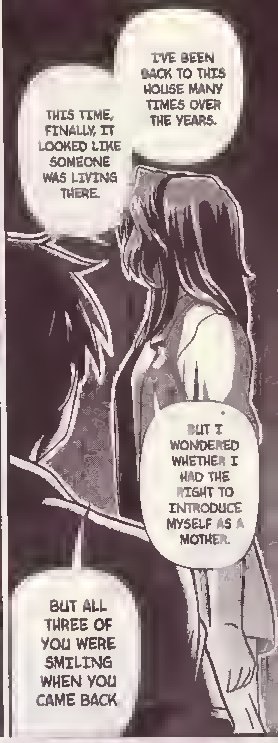
YOU DON'T GET IT, KAREN!
BUT NO MATTER HOW ROCKY IT GETS, MAIKU-SAN WILL ALWAYS COME AFTER YOU, MIINA-SAN.
I LIKE MAIKU SO
I DON'T WANT HIM TO PITY ME!

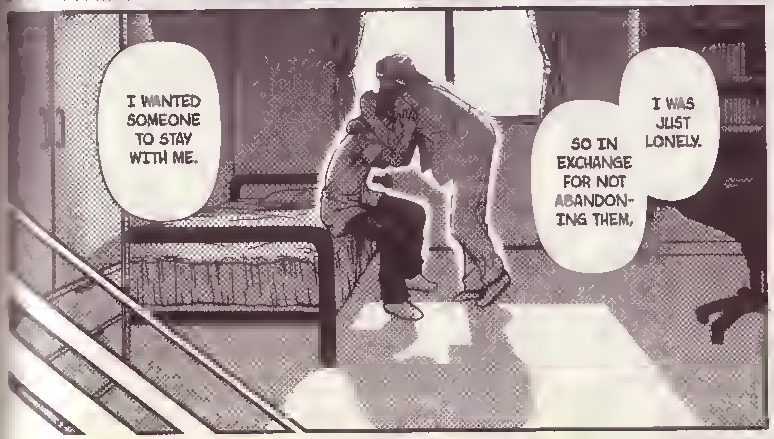

I STILL HAVEN'T TOLD HIM...
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE I MET YOU TWO.

I DIDN'T GET A RESPONSE FROM MAIKU. I MEAN, I WAS TOO SCARED TO HEAR A RESPONSE.
LIKE MAIKU SAID BEFORE, IF OUR RELATIONSHIP GETS ROCKY, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE TOGETHER LIKE WE ARE NOW.
SO, YOU WANT TO GET OUT BEFORE THAT HAPPENS?

I WONDERED WHY I WAS...
BUT BEING ABANDONED FELT LIKE BEING BETRAYED, AND IT HURT.
FLASHBACK
...
BUT I DON'T HATE YOU!

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND
YOU'VE SUPPORTED THE GIRLS SO WELL...
NO, I'M JUST A KID...
I'M TRYING TO BECOME STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY


I'VE BEEN BACK TO THIS HOUSE MANY TIMES OVER THE YEARS.
THIS TIME, FINALLY, IT LOOKED LIKE SOMEONE WAS LIVING THERE.
BUT I WONDERED WHETHER I HAD THE RIGHT TO INTRODUCE MYSELF AS A MOTHER.
BUT ALL THREE OF YOU WERE SMILING WHEN YOU CAME BACK.


I WANTED SOMEONE TO STAY WITH ME.
SO IN EXCHANGE FOR NOT ABANDONING THEM,
I WAS JUST LONELY.

YOU'RE SO STRONG, KAREN.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH THE SAME THINGS I HAVE...
I KNOW YOU'VE HAD HARD TIMES, BUT
YOU SHOULD FIND OUT WHAT MAIKU'S FEELINGS ARE BEFORE...
I CAME TO TELL YOU I SUPPORT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.
I WANT TO BE WITH HIM, NO MATTER WHAT OUR RELATIONSHIP!
I LOVE MAIKU LIKE YOU DO!
THAT'S WHY I UNDERSTAND
I CAN'T... I CAN'T STAND TO LOOK AT MAIKU'S FACE.
BUT YOU LIKE HIM TOO MUCH TO FORGET HIM AND MOVE AWAY.
I WOULDN'T FORGET HIM!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M ACTING LIKE THIS.
MY HEART RACES AT THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE. I CAN'T IGNORE IT.

...IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, I JOINED THE TRACK AND FIELD TEAM.
NOT TO TOOT MY OWN HORN, BUT I WAS PRETTY FAST.
IT WAS A LOT MORE FUN TO RUN AROUND THE TRACK AND TALK WITH FRIENDS THAN IT WAS TO GO BACK TO THE ORPHANAGE...
SO, THAT'S WHAT LED TO MY FRIEND'S MOTHER ADOPTING ME.
AND HER MOM USED TO DO TRACK, TOO, SO SHE FAVORED ME SO MUCH MY FRIEND GOT JEALOUS.
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER FELT NEEDED...
SO I WORKED HARD TO MAKE HER LIKE ME MORE, TO PROTECT MY PLACE THERE...
BUT AS I TRIED MORE AND MORE, I LOST MY PLACE THROUGH MY OWN CARELESSNESS
I TOLD MYSELF I COULDN'T STAY THERE ANYMORE.
THAT'S WHEN I REALIZED THAT IN TRYING TO BECOME FASTER AND FASTER, I'D LEFT MY FRIEND BEHIND.
EVERYTHING WOULD STILL BE NORMAL!
AND IT'S THE SAME NOW... IF I HADN'T TOLD MAIKU I LIKE HIM...
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT... EVERYTHING GETS MESSED UP BECAUSE OF ME!

NO, MAIKU-SAN JUST DOESN'T LIKE GOOD-BYES.
HE'S IGNORING ME... I GUESS I HAVE NO REASON TO COME BACK...
KAREN-SAN, I'M SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE I CAUSED.
YOU ACT A LOT LIKE MY SISTER, SO...
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS JUST FOR A LITTLE WHILE, I WAS GLAD TO HAVE A MOTHER.
THAT'S A NICE WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT.
HE LIKES YOU, SO HE GOT UPSET WHEN IT SEEMED HANNA-SAN WAS TAKING YOU AWAY.
I THINK HE'LL COME.
IF HE SEES THAT NOTE...
BUT IF THAT WERE TRUE, YOU'D THINK HE'D TRY TO STOP ME?
WHAT...?
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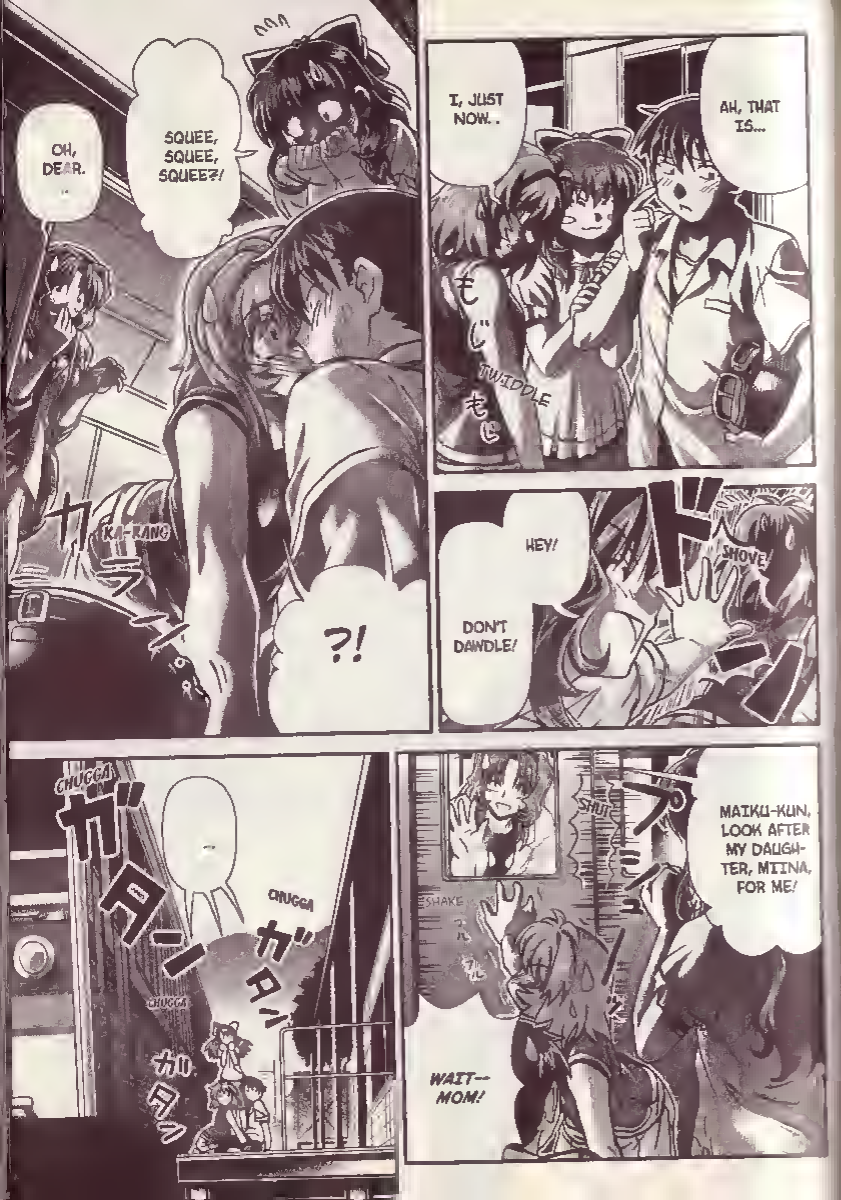
HE WAS STILL ASLEEP WHEN I CHECKED ON HIM, SO I DIDN'T WAKE HIM.
SO MAIKU-KUN DIDN'T COME TO SEE US OFF...

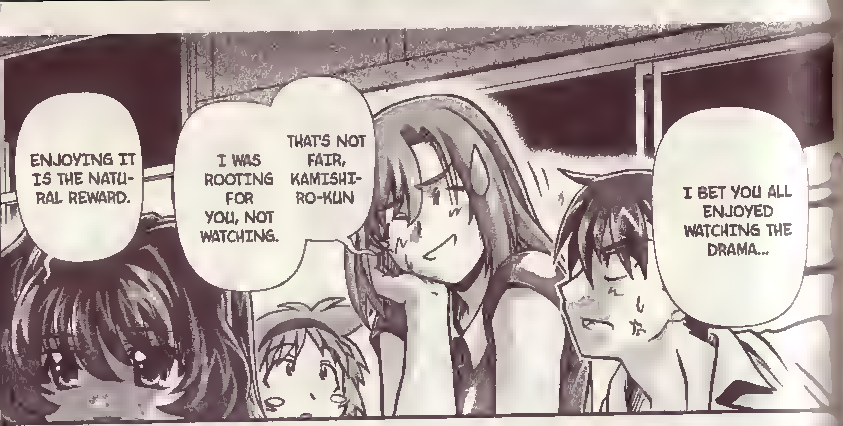
SO, YOU MEAN...
BUT IF WE KEEP LIVING TOGETHER, IT'LL JUST MAKE THINGS AWKWARD.
I JUST THINK I NEED SOME TIME AWAY TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THINGS
WHAT?
BUT...
I WOULDN'T SINK THAT LOW.
THIS MIGHT BE YOUR CHANCE, TSUBAKI.
HE'LL PROB-ABLY BE LONELY FOR A WHILE.
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WAS GOING TO BE, SO I SAID GOOD-BYE!
THEN WHY DID YOU SAY GOOD-BYE LIKE THAT?!
YOU WERE GONNA COME RIGHT BACK?
LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS NOTH-ING TO WORRY ABOUT.

I WAS TWO YEARS OLDER THAN YOU WHEN I LEFT HERE.
I-IT ISN'T...
IF THAT'S YOUR EXCUSE FOR LEAVING, I'M NOT HAPPY TO HEAR IT.
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO LIVE WITH YOU.
I wonder if you're hoping to hear the same words I was
I don't know what he planned to say to me, if he had caught me
IS THIS HOW WE'RE GOING TO PART?
AT THIS RATE I WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK OR SEE HER...
CHUGGA
CHUGGA
CLACK
CLACK
CHUGGA
DAMN... MIINA...
MARIE
But a passing train stopped him from making it on time.
And I hoped someone would come to this station to stop me
But all that ever came was the train

UM..
WELL...
YOU LIKE MAIKU-KUN, DON'T YOU?
Everyone knows!
THE TRAIN'S ABOUT TO LEAVE...
If you don't want this to continue,
HURRY DOWN TO THE TRAIN STATION!
- KAREN
WHAT WAS KAREN THINKING?
JEEZ...
GRAB
IF I TAKE YOU, HE'LL HATE ME.
YOU SHOULD STAY HERE.
I WANT TO STAY.
I LIKED LIVING WITH MAIKU AND KAREN.
BUT I'M AFRAID. EVEN THOUGH THINGS ARE GOOD NOW, SOMEDAY I MIGHT STOP LIKING MAIKU.
PLUS I'M REALLY HAPPY TO HAVE MET YOU, MOM.
SHE'S THE ONE WHO DECIDED TO GO...
WHAT WILL I TELL HER?
EVEN IF I DO CATCH MIINA...
VRRRRRRRRRR

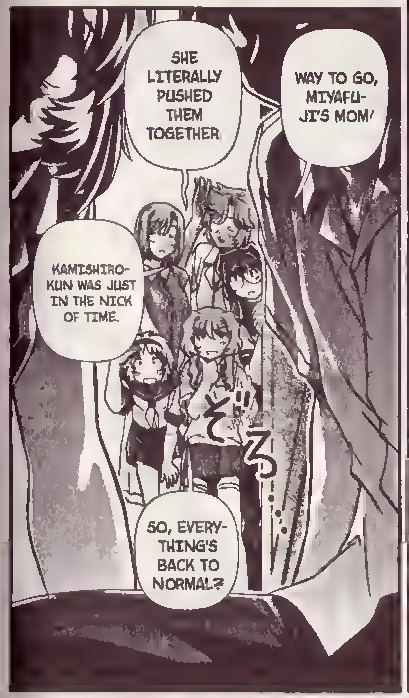

OH, DEAR...
SQUEE, SQUEE, SQUEEZ!
KA-RANG
?!
I, JUST NOW..
AH, THAT IS...
TWIDDLE
HEY!
DON'T DAWDLE!
SHOVE!
CHUGGA
CHUGGA
CHUGGA
SHAKE
WAIT-- MOM!
MAIKU-KUN, LOOK AFTER MY DAUGHTER, MIINA, FOR ME!

DON'T GOOOOOOOOOOO
TWIRL
TWIRL
OPEN
MAIKU ...?
OH...
HM? YEAH...
I KNEW YOU'D COME!
MAIKU-SAN!
HOW DID YOU...?
TAP
TAP
TAP


I BET YOU ALL ENJOYED WATCHING THE DRAMA...
THAT'S NOT FAIR, KAMISHIRO-KUN
I WAS ROOTING FOR YOU, NOT WATCHING.
ENJOYING IT IS THE NATURAL REWARD.

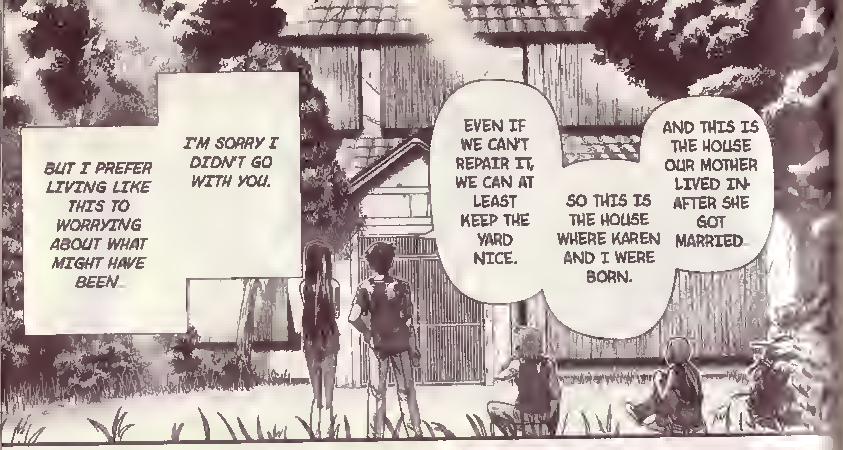
SO, NOW MAIKU IS MINE!
H-HEY...
THAT'S NOT TRUE!
MAIKU-SAN IS MY ONLY BROTHER!
HEY, HOLD ON NOW!

MY ONLY RIVAL WAS MY SISTER—
SHE'LL HAVE TO WORK MUCH HARDER. .

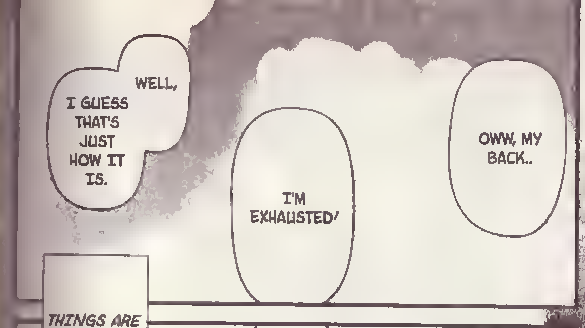

WAY TO GO, MIYAFU-JI'S MOM!
SHE LITERALLY PUSHED THEM TOGETHER.
KAMISHIRO-KUN WAS JUST IN THE NICK OF TIME.
SO, EVERY-THING'S BACK TO NORMAL?

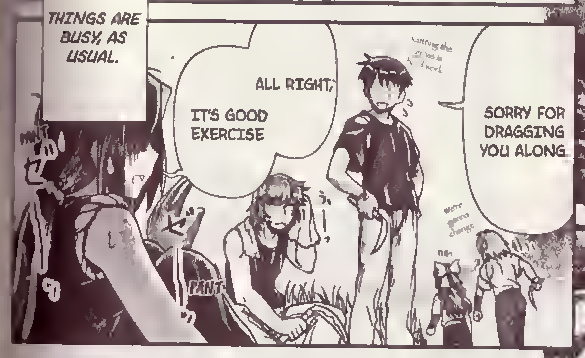
I DON'T HAVE ANY-WHERE TO GO.
I'M GOOD AT COOK-ING AND CLEANING, SO, IF YOU DON'T MIND...
...IDIOT.

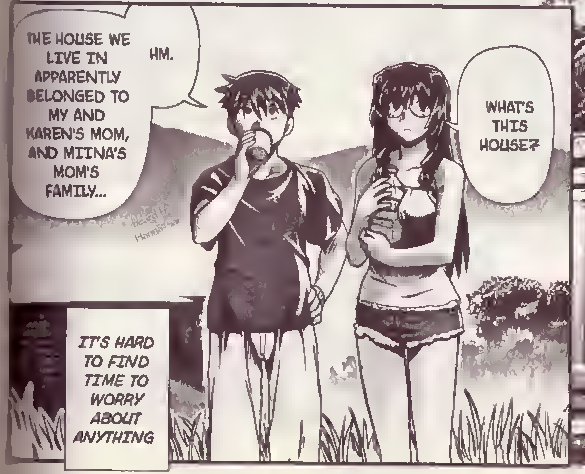
MAIKU-KUN HAS A STRONG SENSE OF RESPON-SIBILITY.
BUT YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE A LIFE PARTNER CAREFULLY.
DON'T GET ALL UPPITY JUST 'CAUSE YOUR LIPS HAPPENED TO MEET HIS.
THAT'S RIGHT!
POOR KAREN-CHAN!
WHAT?!
PISSED OFF
UH... GUYS?


BUT I PREFER LIVING LIKE THIS TO WORRYING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN...
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T GO WITH YOU.
EVEN IF WE CAN'T REPAIR IT, WE CAN AT LEAST KEEP THE YARD NICE.
SO THIS IS THE HOUSE WHERE KAREN AND I WERE BORN.
AND THIS IS THE HOUSE OUR MOTHER LIVED IN AFTER SHE GOT MARRIED.

I'M GONNA TRY TO MIMIC THE ANGLE OF THIS PICTURE.
ENJOYING THE PRESENT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
OK.
WE'RE READY.
I THOUGHT OUR PARENTS MIGHT, TOO...
HINNA-SAN SAID SHE ALSO CAME TO CHECK UP ON THE HOUSE...
THAT'S TRUE.
I KNOW MAIKU AND I ARE NOT IN LOVE, BUT...


WELL, I GUESS THAT'S JUST HOW IT IS.
I'M EXHAUSTED!
OWW, MY BACK..

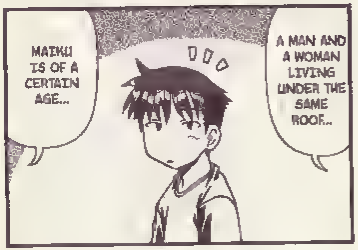

THINGS ARE BUSY, AS USUAL.
ALL RIGHT, IT'S GOOD EXERCISE
SORRY FOR DRAGGING YOU ALONG.
PANT

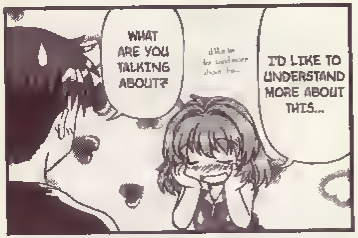

THE HOUSE WE LIVE IN APPARENTLY BELONGED TO MY AND KAREN'S MOM, AND MIINA'S MOM'S FAMILY...
HM.
WHAT'S THIS HOUSE?
IT'S HARD TO FIND TIME TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING

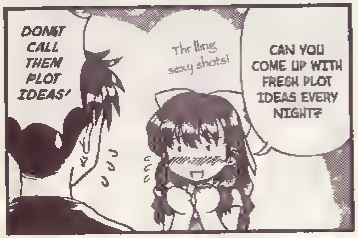
DEAR MOM, HOW ARE YOU?
ALL THREE OF US ARE WELL.

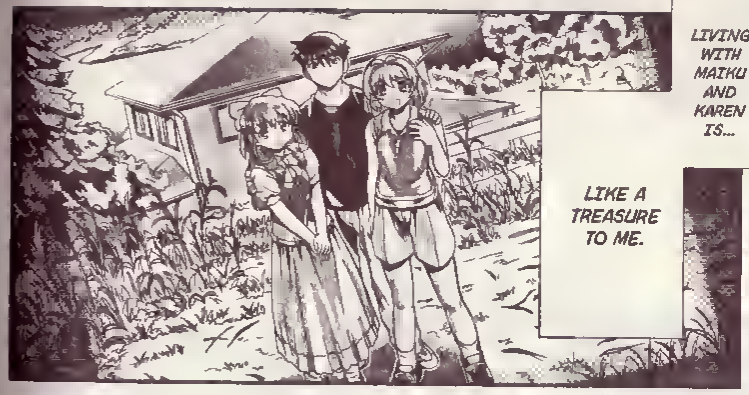
EXTRAS

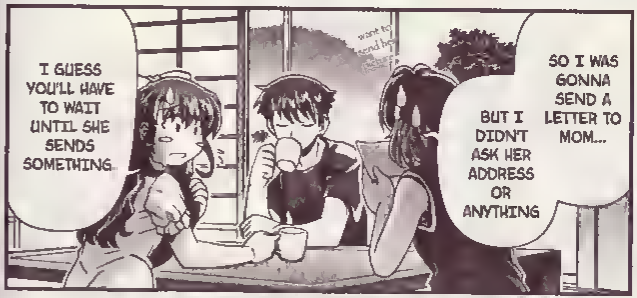
WANKING







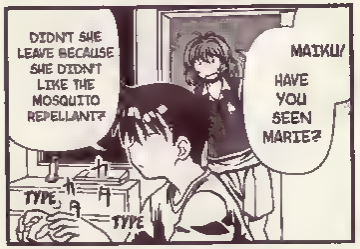


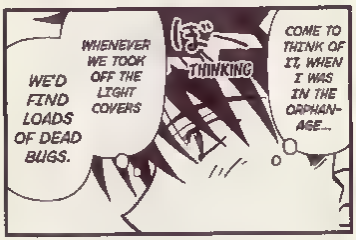

I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SHE SENDS SOMETHING.
BUT I DIDN'T ASK HER ADDRESS OR ANYTHING
SO I WAS GONNA SEND A LETTER TO MOM...

NO, I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO KAMISHIRO AND HIS FRIENDS..
YEAH, ARE YOU FORGETTING ANYTHING?
Oh, the phone cards almost out of
CLICK
HI, HARUKO? IT'S YOUR BROTHER ...
YEAH, I'M STILL IN OKINAWA

THE END

WHEREABOUTS




WE'D FIND LOADS OF DEAD BUGS.
WHENEVER WE TOOK OFF THE LIGHT COVERS
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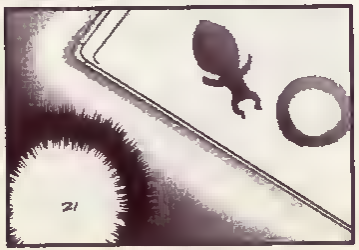
THINKING
COME TO THINK OF IT, WHEN I WAS IN THE ORPHAN-AGE...



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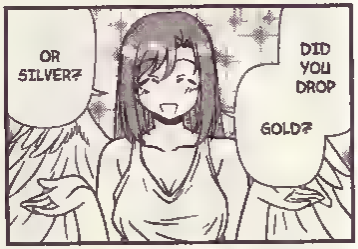

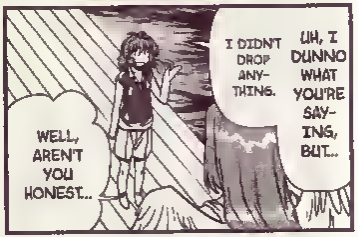

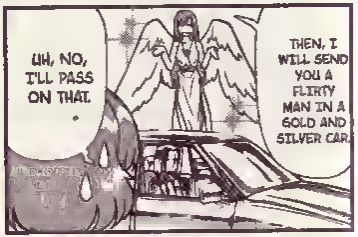

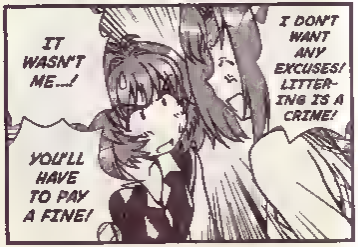

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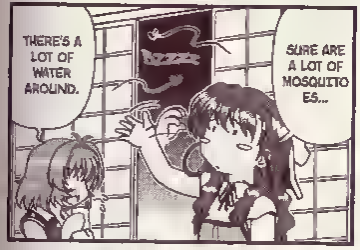

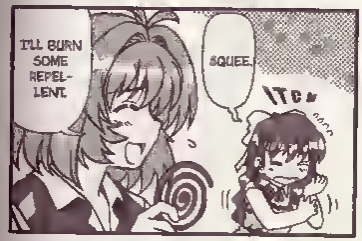

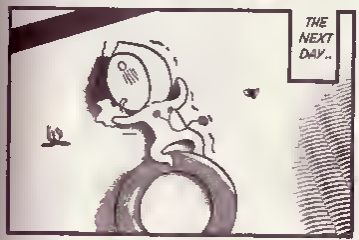

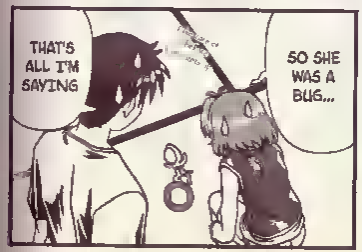

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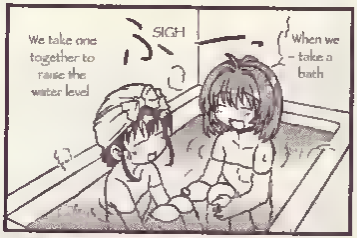

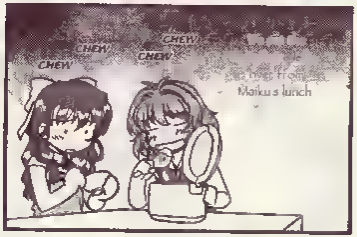

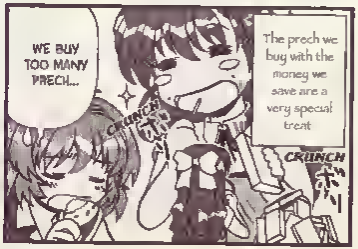

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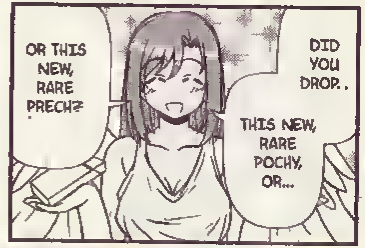

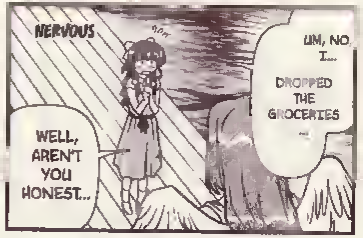

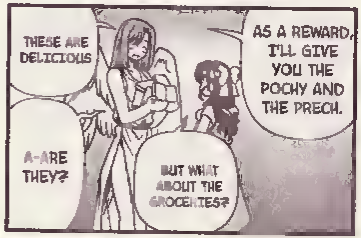

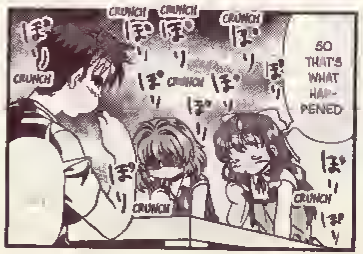

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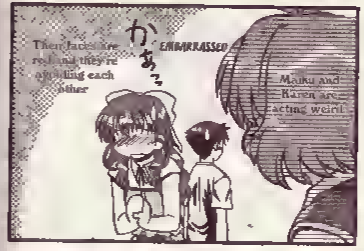

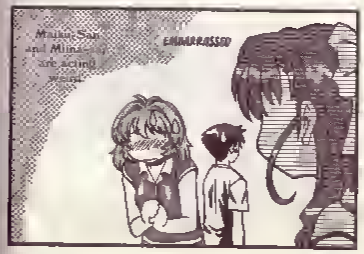

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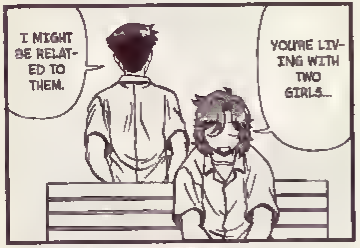

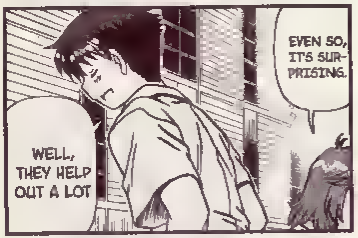

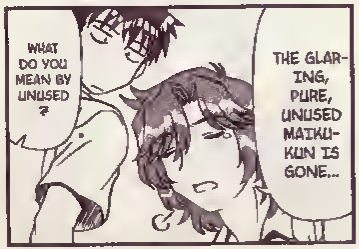

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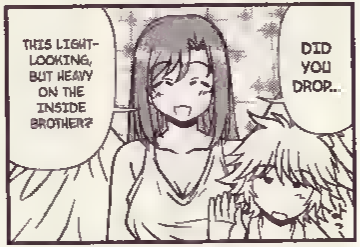

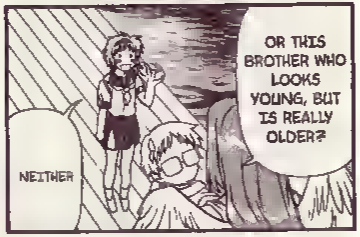

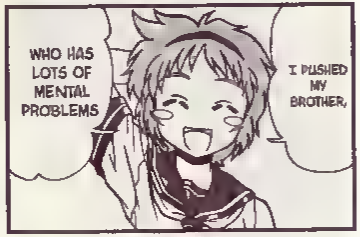

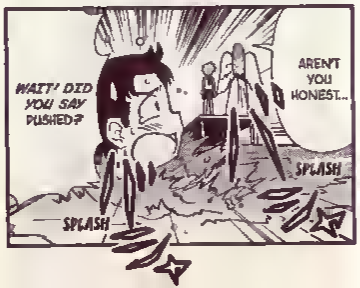

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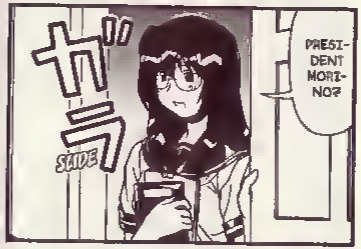

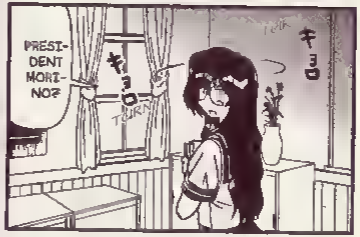

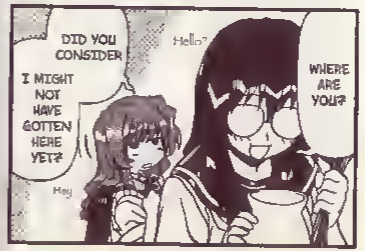

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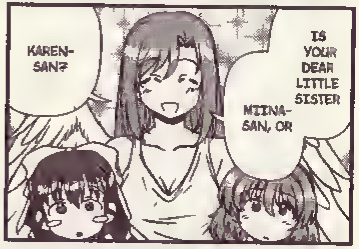

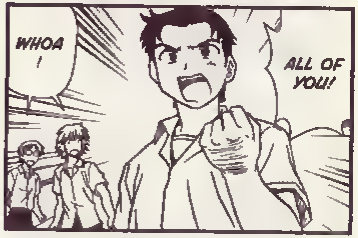

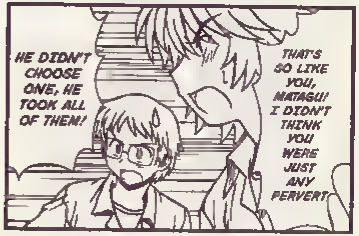

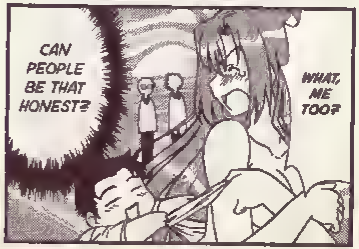

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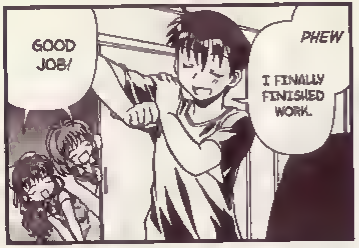

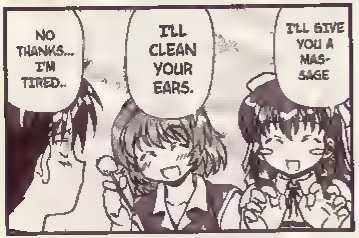

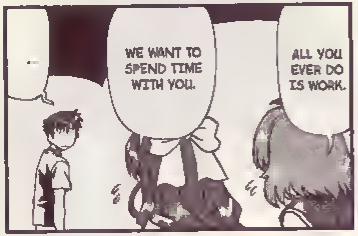

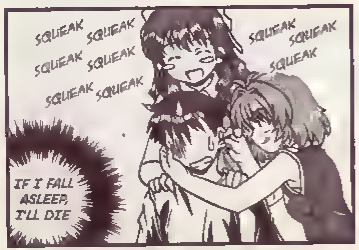

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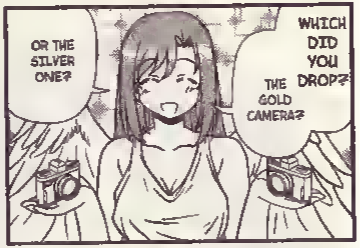

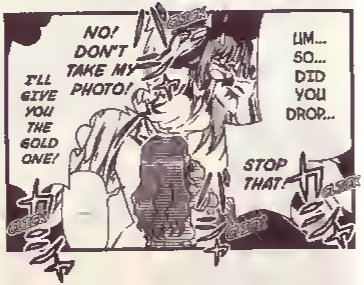

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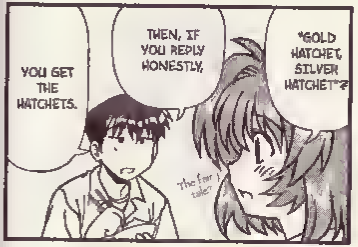

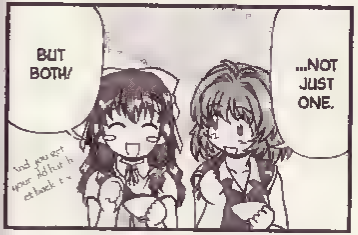

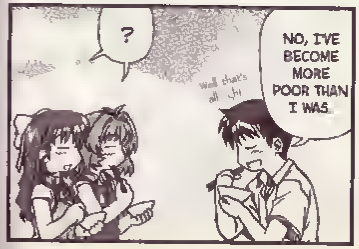

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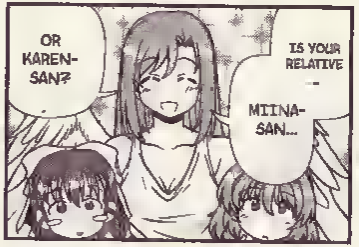

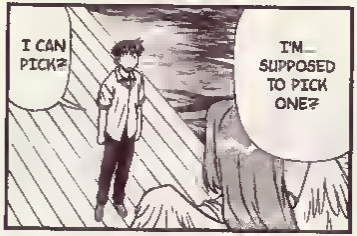

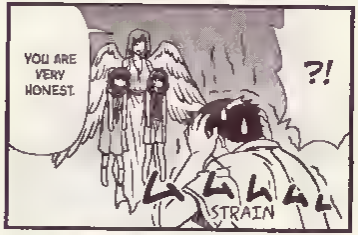

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